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## Nelda Linman: Goodwill Member of Year

ACBL honors Bend player who spurred Sunriver Regional

By Chip Dombrowski  
The Trumpet

When Judy and Ron Mundt told Nelda Linman they were nominating her for ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year, Nelda couldn't imagine she could possibly win. But she did.

"I'm still excited, it's just unbelievable," Nelda said. "I think it's a big win for our district and my unit. I couldn't have done it without all the support I got."

Members of the Bend unit submitted about a dozen letters in support of her nomination. Among their comments:

♦ "She is very kind and patient at the table with all players," said Ali Cockerill. "She will also extend herself to explain anything needed. She does not get rattled."

♦ "I've watched and admired Nelda as she has positively represented our club and unit to others," said Patricia Douglas.

♦ "Nelda displays the epitome of worthy participation. She sets an example that

fully encompasses the characteristics of the goodwill member," said Richard Gettmann.

♦ "Any club needs more like her in its membership," said Connie Fox.

A Sapphire Life Master with more than 5,000 masterpoints, Nelda has served three terms as president of Unit 476 (six out of her 12 years on the board), nine years on the District 20 board and six

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## Board selects four 'big ideas,' cuts WBF dues

In November I attended the fall NABC in San Diego, where we were greeted by balmy weather and a great playing venue.

Before play started we had three and a half days of meetings, many going into the dinner hour. Long meetings are not my favorite way to spend time, but we did work hard

and accomplished several important items. I'll give you some highlights; for complete minutes you can go to the ACBL website.

♦ Jay Whipple and Bonnie Bagley ran for ACBL president for 2018.

Both were great candidates and the

board chose Whipple. Being president is a big full-time job, and I know Jay, the innovator of the Common Game and Fast Results, will bring his special touch to the office.

♦ New CEO Bahar Gidwani spoke about how to increase membership and then the board spent time discussing Bahar's "Ten Big Ideas." Prior to the meeting board members and other interested parties ranked the ideas, and from there we

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Merlin Vilhauer

D20 District Director



Deborah Lackey, Muriel Stitt, Judy Nevell and Judy Mundt are new members of the Goodwill Committee.

## In the name of goodwill

Four are appointed to Goodwill Committee

By Jen Smith  
The Trumpet

Nothing brings more optimism than a brand-new year — or a brand-new batch of Goodwill Committee members. This year's inductees are nothing short of inspirational to all who cross their paths. Join us in congratulating these four remarkable bridge players.

Deborah Lackey

Our first example of goodwill is District 20 education liaison, chair of the Vancouver Bridge Club education committee and recently elected to the Unit 452 board. Deborah Lackey of Washougal, Wash., is a shining example of what it means to give back to the bridge community.

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## District seeks new president

Regional is down 13%

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

The forecast for below-freezing temperatures and snow during the Oregon Trail Regional was accurate. Snow caused the usual difficulties getting around the Portland/Vancouver area.

Table count suffered, perhaps as a result of the weather, or perhaps just following a trend. There were 1381 tables in play in 2018 compared to 1586 in 2017, a decline of 205 or 13%.

The district board met Friday and Saturday. After meeting in executive session Saturday, the board accepted Sam Asai's resignation as president.

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## Get ready to head to Sunriver

Spring is coming and so is the Oregon High Desert Regional at the Sunriver Resort, May 14–20.

The tournament is growing and very popular, so make your reservations early. You can book your rooms at 800-547-3922. In addition to the Lodge, the resort includes 350 rental houses.

Three sessions are scheduled each day at 9, 1 and 7. There are events especially



Jim Wheeler

Tournament Manager

## Two D20 players win national Ace of Clubs races



Irva Kay Neyhart

Two District 20 players won their Ace of Clubs brackets.

For the second year in a row Irva Kay Neyhart of Corvallis has topped the national Ace of Clubs masterpoint race for her category, this time the 3500–

5000 bracket. Her 498.16 club points were good enough to win not just her bracket but any bracket below the top one and place sixth among all brackets.

Brenda Biermann of Roseburg, who joined the ACBL in

January 2017, won the 0–5 category. She was also sixth in her Mini-McKenney race.

Neyhart, with 922.96 total points, placed fifth in her Mini-



Brenda Biermann

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# Vent away and keep composure at the table

Well, the **Oregon Trail Regional** has wrapped up and I'm getting ready to go to Philadelphia to participate in the North American Pairs. It's my partner **Paul Wrigley's** last shot at winning Flight B, so I hope to play better than last year.

The district-level experience has greatly improved, so if playing in the finals on BBO left you disappointed in the past, give it another try. If you're not sure what it is, ask around! It's a fun event open to everyone.

I knew my player roundup question (*What's your biggest pet peeve at the table?*) would generate lots of answers. I also knew many of them would not be suitable for print. I wasn't going for specific people, although I got a few of those. Once people got started, the floodgates opened and irritations started flowing.

I encourage venting. I think everyone needs to blow off steam, and bridge can certainly provoke strong emotions, either by opponents or one's own competitive-

ness. In fact, after hearing of one pair's unfortunate experience with a director call after unsuccessfully probing for information about a vaguely explained conventional bid, I marveled that there isn't really any fighting at bridge. I mean, you watch an NBA game or football and usually a ref has to break something up. We are a bit more restrained.



**Amy Casanova**  
Managing Editor

Tolerance and kindness are unlikely weapons in your bridge arsenal. My approach to bridge is more psychological than mathematical. If I can find a way to let go of what's blocking me, concentrating on the cards is a lot easier. I wish I could be one of those people who can tune everything out and focus with laser precision, but my mind is usually hopping from one thing to another until I start looking at the cards.

Listening to people's peeves also made me realize there are a few I have been guilty of from time to time. I guess we all can do better.

The antidote might be the Goodwill members. This year's nominations are standouts. I've personally witnessed their dedication and hard work and have been impressed. Many individuals who take on extra responsibility sacrifice in ways we don't realize. You no longer are able to blend anonymously into the crowd. When you volunteer it's like you have an "information" sign over your head, and random people come up to ask you questions about anything and everything. You're kind of always on.

In the service industry when someone leaves you a small monetary gratuity but thanks you profusely, we call that a "verbal tip." It feels inadequate just to say thank you to these ladies, but it's a start.

I am so looking forward to the **Sunriver Regional** in May. I often find myself saying I need a vacation that isn't bridge related. The setting in Sunriver is beautiful, relaxing, and convenient. Hope to see you there!

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# When disaster strikes, where will you be?

Disasters coinciding with bridge tournaments have been in the news lately.

In the winter issue, we told the story of **Monica Taylor** and **Lew Richardson's** visit to the 2013 Oklahoma City sectional, where a tornado struck.

In the daily bulletin from the recent Oregon Trail Regional, I read about **Jay Roll's** determined struggle through hazardous road conditions due to snow and ice to get to the playing site. With a car stuck in snow, two failed attempts to get a cab resulted in failed attempts at walking, to and from the train station, until strangers offered him a ride.

And on page 17 of this issue, we have a report on the incident during January's Hawaii Regional when a statewide alert went out falsely warning of an incoming missile attack.

Personally, when I'm at a bridge tournament, I like to be the biggest disaster on site. I know I'm capable of creating a compelling drama by merely booking a flight or packing up the car. And that's before I find myself declaring a 1-1 fit. I don't need Mother Nature, or Kim Jong-un, or Donald Trump stealing my thunder.

The news from Hawaii got me thinking. If there was going to be a nuclear strike on a location in my vicinity, and there was nothing that could be done about it, I'd like to be at a bridge tournament when it happens. Think about it. Everywhere else

in the region would be panic and mayhem, but there you'd be in a quiet hotel ballroom as players concentrated on bringing home their contracts.

Why worry about inevitable impending doom when you need to decide whether to take a finesse or play for a drop or a favorable break? The apocalypse can wait, at least until we finish this round.



**Chip Dombrowski**  
Editor at Large

When police raided a bridge club in Pattaya, Thailand, in February 2016, players at the club were so focused on their game that some of them didn't notice the intrusion by forces armed in SWAT gear.

Likewise, during the Oklahoma tornado, even as sirens blared and hotel staff announced mandatory evacuation, the serious bridge players practically had to be dragged from the tables.

That's not necessarily the best state of mind in every crisis. There's a big difference between a natural disaster and a nuclear disaster. Taking cover is much more likely to be effective during a tornado than it would be at the outbreak of World War III. But in general, I think bridge players are the kind of people that most of us would feel comfortable being around in a crisis.

### A day at the office

If I can't be playing bridge when the end is nigh, my second choice is a newsroom. In 2001 I was working at the Arizona Daily Star. As a designer, with a deadline around

10:30 p.m., I didn't need to be at work until 2 or 3. I was just getting up when I got a call from my boss at 10:30 one morning that I needed to come to work as soon as possible. It was Sept. 11, and I didn't find out what happened until I got to work. Like most metros our size and larger, we were putting out a special edition.

Between noon and 4:30 p.m., we raced to build a 16-page paper. I put together four pages, much more than I would normally do in that amount of time. Then, once that went to press, we started with our regular work day, putting together tomorrow's morning paper. It went a little later than usual and we didn't get out until 2 a.m.

On a day when most people didn't go to work at all — and had the rest of the week off as almost everything shut down — I worked 14 hours. And it was great, all things considered. We didn't have time to be afraid, to panic, or to watch the traumatic footage our colleagues in broadcast media were endlessly streaming. There was too much work to do, and it required a great deal of focus to make sure it got done on deadline. Our commitment to serving the public and keeping our readers informed got us through a difficult day and the following weeks.

Some people may wonder, reading the story on page 15, why **Doug Higgs**, who has worked in newspapers for 75 years, still shows up for work every day at almost 85. I don't. I completely get it. I felt like I was reading about my future. My only question was whether I'd have my student loans paid off by the time I get to be his age.

I used to think that working 14-hour days was something that only happened in the event of a terrorist attack. Now I just call it the Daily Bulletin. Three times a year we experience the equivalent of 9/11 nine out of 11 days in a row. The first and last days are much lighter. In between, it's 1 p.m. to 3 a.m. Not because the amount of news is at all comparable to the biggest news day in my lifetime, but because there are only four or five people working on it, rather than about 60 at the Arizona Daily Star. It's about the same size as the staff of the Trumpet, which takes eight weeks to produce.

By the time you read this, I'll be on that grind in Philadelphia. I don't anticipate there being any disasters — other than me, anyway. But if there is one, I can promise the news will still come out.

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## Temporary memberships and ACBL's new policy

A new policy adopted by the ACBL board during the San Diego NABC affects people who play in tournaments but are not ACBL members.

Beginning this month, all players in any tournament event are required to have an ACBL number. For those who were once members but let their membership lapse, the extra fee per session has increased to \$4.

Those who have never been members must join in order to play in an event — at least temporarily. Options are to purchase a one- or three-year membership, or a temporary membership of \$7.99 for one month. That fee can be applied toward a full-year membership later.

## Election notice

The district's three representatives to the Board of Governors are up for election this year. Representatives meet for one session at each NABC, reviewing actions taken by the board of directors and making recommendations to them. It is a three-year term beginning in 2019.

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

Tell them your name, player number and the office you want: Board of Governors. Important: The declaration must be received by May 31, 2018. If four or more declarations are received, an election is held with the units having the vote.

## Deaths

**Chloteal Barbour** – 80, of Salem OR died Nov. 14, 2017.

**Mary Anne DePauw** – 94, of Ontario OR died Dec. 26, 2017.

**Scott Foster** – 79, of Medford OR died Jan. 12, 2017.

**Leola (Lee) Hanson** – 99, of McMinnville OR died Nov. 27, 2017.

**Bea Harder** – 94, of Bend OR died Nov. 23, 2017.

**Diane Stewart** – 79, of Medford OR died Jan. 5, 2018.



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

## ♠ ♣ ♥ ♦ District 20 seeks President

The district president presides at all meetings of the district board (twice a year), prepares the agenda, appoints all committees and serves on them as an ex-officio members, exercises general supervision over the activities of the board and has overall responsibility for running the district.

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# EDUCATION

## The real heart of the valley

Mary Alice Seville's teaching work has fueled Corvallis club's growth

For 16 years, she's been indispensable

By Kathi Downing  
The Trumpet

There is not one person in the Corvallis Bridge Club or Unit 477 who doesn't know Mary Alice Seville. For some, she is the first face they see when they attend the annual Learn Bridge in a Day class or one of the subsequent class sessions/seminars. For others, she is the helpful mentor/director at the Monday night novice game or the Thursday morning newcomer coached session. For more experienced players, she is the friendly, unflappable opponent or partner at the table.

Besides her presence in front of the white board or at the table, she has dedicated many hours as president of our local club for the past three years. Before that, Mary Alice served as secretary and also as treasurer. Her contributions to the game and club are so multi-faceted that it is hard to imagine Heart of the Valley Bridge Center without her!

Actually, Mary Alice had a life before Corvallis and bridge. Born and raised in Leland, Ill., she didn't take an interest in the game until she was accepted at Southern Methodist University and heard that bridge was played on campus. She credits her aunt and the "old ladies" bridge club for teaching her how to play.

"My aunt was an avid bridge player and would have been a



Corvallis Bridge Club president Mary Alice Seville, right, and partner and club manager Eileen Milligan will teach bridge on a cruise to Tahiti this spring.

good duplicate player, but there was no club near her," she said.

Although Mary Alice played plenty of bridge at Southern Methodist, she didn't play enough to flunk out. After graduation, she took a job as a high school math teacher. Discovering quickly that it was not her dream job, she signed on with the Vista program and did a stint in Alaska.

Ultimately, however, she took a job teaching accounting at Oregon State University and stayed there for 18 years.

After a hiatus from duplicate in the 1980s and '90s, Mary Alice took it up again seriously when she retired from OSU 16 years ago.

"So many things had changed," she said. "Bidding boxes, electronic scoring, lots of new conventions." She jumped

into the new duplicate scene with zeal. Her enthusiasm must have been contagious, because before long, friends, some new to the game, some who had played in college were asking her to teach them.

Mary Alice agreed to teach duplicate bridge classes in her home. She started off with eight students, but when the class snowballed into 25, she moved it to Stoneybrook Lodge. After the new Heart of the Valley Bridge Center opened in 2014, she took a two-year break, but started teaching classes and seminars again in 2016.

Thanks to Mary Alice and a number of other dedicated instructors, the educational program in Corvallis is a strong one. She has helped promote the game within our community, and, in the process, kept the club healthy and growing.

Mary Alice has a few hobbies outside of bridge. She dabbles in gardening and crafts and loves traveling. For a week in April this year, for the first time she is going to combine traveling and bridge. She will be joining another beloved Corvallis bridge instructor, Eileen Milligan, teaching and facilitating bridge games aboard a small French cruise ship in Tahiti. Tough job, but someone has to do it.



Mary Alice Seville teaches at the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center.

## Teachers' Corner

### Assisted play grows; Seagram will be back

The most popular class at our club is Assisted Play, created for novice players to practice their new bridge skills and gain confidence. We have at least two friendly and experienced bridge players available during the session to offer guidance on any questions with bidding, defense or play of hand.

The players enjoy the relaxed, noncompetitive environment where table talk is encouraged and taking a regrettable bid back is allowed.

After three or four boards are played, we rotate the players in a Mitchell fashion, with east/west moving up a table and boards moving down a table. This gets the players familiar with a duplicate-style movement and introduces them to other players in the room.

We are excited to see social bridge players dropping in on these sessions and mingling with the nice folks already playing in our limited games. The social bridge players are now learning that a duplicate bridge game is not a scary place to play and several are now attending our games. I have to confess that I enjoy these sessions as much as they do.

During a class, a student confessed she didn't understand why she received awards at our unit's awards game. It gave me the opportunity to explain the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races. My co-teacher printed the unit's current rankings for our students to see after class.

They were so excited and felt so accomplished by seeing their names or their friends' names in the top 10. I would encourage teachers to mention these races to their students. It is encouraging to them to be able to have a metric of their accomplishments.

#### Use ACBL resources

I found a nifty tool on the ACBL website for teaching bridge, a customizable table card mat with hands. Rather than

making boards ahead of time for class, this tool lets you enter the hands (for North, South, East and West) for each board you need.

You then print a mat for each table and let the students make the boards as they go. To find these mats, go to the ACBL Resource Center at [acbl.mybigcommerce.com](http://acbl.mybigcommerce.com) › Clubs › Marketing › Marketing Templates, and then look for "Table Cards With Hands."



Deborah Lackey  
D20 Education Liaison

#### Barbara Seagram will return

Barbara Seagram is going to teach a three-day seminar at the

#### Boise Regional Aug. 6-12.

Barbara was a hit in Eugene last year. Many participants said they could not believe how quickly the time flew during her lessons and how much they learned.

In Eugene, some seminar participants were bridge teachers who wanted to observe Barbara's teaching style, including her use of the table mats described above. Boise will provide another opportunity for bridge teachers to observe her.

I also request that you encourage your students to attend her seminars. If you need flyers, please let me know.

#### Education liaison needed

Being education liaison is really awesome. I have had the opportunity to get to know and work with so many wonderful teachers and players throughout District 20. Sadly, I am stepping aside from this position after the Boise tournament.

If you think you would like to serve District 20 in this capacity, please let me know. I would be happy to share with you what my duties are and some of the wonderful experiences I have had.

Deborah Lackey can be reached at [deborah@deborahlackey.com](mailto:deborah@deborahlackey.com).



Barbara Seagram

## In Memoriam

### Scott Foster

March 21, 1938 — Jan. 12, 2018

The southern Oregon bridge community lost a titan Jan. 12. Scott Foster of Medford succumbed to colon cancer at the age of 79.

"He was a quiet gentleman with extraordinary bridge prowess," said Kemble Yates of Ashland, who partnered with him several times over the years.

"Few people got to know Scott well. He was quiet and somewhat reserved. But for those of us who did, he was a treasure," Yates said. "He had a rich sense of humor, and his analysis of bridge was deep and insightful."

Foster had been part of the Unit 484 scene



Scott Foster

since the early 1970s. He quickly established himself as one of the best players in the Rogue Valley and over his life accumulated nearly 7,000 masterpoints.

Foster won multiple regional pairs and teams events, and twice his team represented the open flight of District 20 at the nationals in the Grand National Teams.

Foster's partners will attest to his calm at the bridge table. He rarely acknowledged his partner's mistakes nor felt the need to point out any errors.

He had a successful career leading the Jackson County Housing Authority, retiring in 2017. He is survived by his wife, Julie Foster.

A short remembrance hour will be held after the games at the Rogue Valley Spring Sectional on Saturday, March 24. A memorial service is planned for some time in April.

### Sharon Gruver Fauss

March 8, 1945 — Nov. 23, 2017

Sharon Gruver Fauss of Central Point, Ore., died Nov. 23, 2017, following a diagnosis of brain cancer seven months earlier. She was 72.

After earning a degree in business administration from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, she worked at a bank in programs analysis. After moving to California, she had a career in systems and programming,



Sharon Fauss

and also worked as a park ranger just before moving to Central Point.

She found time for bridge, achieving the status of Gold Life Master and chalking up wins at numerous sectionals, regionals and nationals. Along the way, she owned a bridge club and served as a director.

Before her illness, she played often at the Phoenix Bridge Center and served as a substitute director. She helped organize tournaments for Unit 484 and served on the board of directors, including a term as president.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Fauss.

# NAP AND GNT

## Get ready for GNT; NAP winners off to Philly

By Hal Montgomery  
D20 NA Events Coordinator

The finals of the Grand National Teams are coming up April 28–29 and May 5–6. Check the ad on page 7, the calendar on page 24 or the D20 website to see when your flight is scheduled. There are four flights and each winning team receives a \$2,000 subsidy to represent District 20 at the nationals. I hope players throughout the district will host bridge parties and that we have players from every unit competing. If you need help finding a partner, a team to join, or a venue, please contact me.

On Dec. 9–10, players from all corners of our district competed in the North American Pairs finals.

Deanna Miller and Jeff Heyser from Nevada City, Stephen Nafus and Don Gile from Boise, and Arun Savara and Alan Kosansky from Honolulu along with eight Portland pairs will represent District 20 at the Spring NABC in Philadelphia. The list and photos of all 22 of our representatives are available online in the special winter extra edition of the Trumpet. Go to the D20 website and click on the appropriate Trumpet button.

I was particularly pleased with the

three bridge parties in the district. Tom Fagan in Honolulu, Amy Casanova in Portland, and Jamie Newman in Nevada City each hosted groups at their homes.

Mark Bennett, who just missed qualifying, was enthusiastic about playing in Honolulu. He said, "The venue at the Fagan house was great! Virtually no travel at all, very friendly hosts, perfect temperature, quiet, excellent security and really good food."



Hal Montgomery  
NA Events Coordinator

Another aspect of the finals that was pleasing to me was that there were several pairs that entered in multiple flights. D20 has designed the schedule format so that players who are interested may play in two different flights in our NAP and GNT finals — your flight and the one directly above.

In the GNT, a particularly adventurous C player could actually play in all four, playing the first day of the open and A events and then the B and C if not reaching the second day of the other two. Only those who are only eligible for the top flight are limited to one option.

The pairs who played in two flights all did well. Savara and Kosansky, who will represent us in Philadelphia in flight B, also placed in A. Paul Wrigley and Amy Casanova placed in B and were above

### North American Pairs

#### Flight A

- 1 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA — David Brower, Portland OR
- 2 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI — Arun Savara, Honolulu HI
- 3 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR — Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 4 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR — John Ashton, Portland OR

#### Flight B

- 1 Arun Savara, Honolulu HI — Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
- 2 Amy Casanova, Portland OR — Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR
- 3 Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI — Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI
- 4 Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA — Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR

#### Flight C

- 1 Kevin Marnell, Portland OR — Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR
- 2 Janice Smith, Portland OR — Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR
- 3 Jeff Heyser, Penn Valley CA — Deanna Miller, Penn Valley CA
- 4 Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA — Bernie Widolff, Portland OR

average in A. Kevin Marnell and Andrew Nuxoll won flight C and could have gone in B as well.

These online events are a fabulous way for players to play in regional events without having to travel across mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans. By hosting a bridge party, players can play locally while competing regionally.

You can win red and gold points without leaving town, enjoy good food and play some fun bridge. However, I can't promise you the perfect weather the Fagans had in Honolulu.

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### Flight A



David Brower and Linda Wiener

### Flight B



Arun Savara and Alan Kosansky

### Flight C



Andrew Nuxoll and Kevin Marnell

### North American Pairs first-place qualifiers

To see the full set of pictures, see the Trumpet's winter extra edition online at the D20 website.

## NAP proves fun for all at Nevada City venue

It was a fun day of bridge that felt like a party. It was also the online D20 NAP finals in Nevada City, Calif., Dec. 9.

While there were only three pairs who played at our venue — Jeff Heyser and Deanna Miller who were third in Flight C, Rod and Joyce Hopkinson (Flight C) and Ron Jauch and Jamie Newman (Flight A) — all the players who played had such a good experience that they think more and more of our members will play in the future.

We gathered at 10:30 a.m., made sure everyone felt comfortable and logged on to BBO. I didn't notice much frustration, but I did observe a lot of giggling when a questionable bid or two was made that turned out to be a good

board. If one of us got frustrated, we only had to head to the kitchen where there were many snacks, homemade chili, cookies and drinks.

Three out of six of our players had never played online, but they were ready.



Jamie Newman  
Guest Contributor

After all was said and done, we realized what an opportunity it is to live in a district that holds online competitions. If you don't have a partner for the North American Pairs or a team for the Grand National Teams, there is lots of help from the organizers to hook you up so that you can play. It's an inclusive operation that we love here in the most southern part of D20.

Jeff and Deanna decided to play in the Flight C NAP in Philadelphia this March,

and they were delighted to learn that D20 was subsidizing their trip with \$100 each (and equally delighted that our Unit 461 board decided to match the subsidy). Jeff and Deanna weren't the only D20 members who were compensated that day. Our monitors, Cary Wirth and Bob Shuken, were each given two free plays to District 20 regionals.

We're lucky that our district supports this online event for a geographically challenged district with players playing in Hawaii, Idaho, California, Oregon and Washington. What an opportunity to avoid expensive travel and have fun at the same time.

Jamie Newman of Nevada City, Calif., plays bridge in District 20's southernmost mainland unit.

## FALL NABC

### How District 20 players fared in San Diego events

With the Fall NABC relatively close on the West Coast, about 150 players from District 20 traveled to San Diego.

In national events, the most interesting performance was Louis Beauchet and Jon Bartlett going into the final day of the Blue Ribbon Pairs in second place, ultimately finishing 20th (see story, page 10).

Three District 20 pairs made overalls in the Super Senior Pairs. Jeff Taylor and Mike Levy placed 12th; Hawaiians Godfrey Chang and Robert Liu were

four spots behind them. David Rosenstein and Bob Johnson also made the list.

In regional events, there were 15 wins by District 20 players. Playing with Roger McNay, Johnson won the Educational Foundation Open Pairs. Chip and Berta Cleveland won the Tuesday Daylight Open Pairs. Wolfe Thompson and Marc Zwerling won the Thursday Open Pairs.

In regional knockouts, there were wins by Huub Bertens twice in bracket 1; George Kuppler of Brookings in bracket

3; and Shay Kinney, Ray Kinney and Reid Sherwin of Klamath Falls in bracket 4.

Winners of regional side games included Paul Hochfeld and Terry Hill of Corvallis; Chris Cople of Eureka; Ray Kinney and Sherwin; and Sam Asai. Alice and Gary Nelson of Bend won the Tuesday morning 299ers. Rebecca Turnbull of Springfield won the Friday Gold Rush.

In Swiss teams, there were wins by Richard and Katherine Morris of Beaverton; and Dan Hoekstra with Beauchet.

### District Business

## Board moves to cut costs, raise revenue

As reserves fall, increase in table fees set for 2019

By Marie Ashton  
D20 Business Manager

The annual meeting of the board of directors, and other officials, was held Feb. 23–24 at the Vancouver Hilton.

The district has run at a loss in three of the last five years, including a loss of \$15,023 last year. The projected loss for 2018 is about \$9,800.

As a cost-cutting measure, the board will cut the annual Vancouver meeting to one day starting in 2019. Combined with the 2016 decision to hold just two meetings per year, this is a reduction from the three to four meeting days held previously.

Losses have reduced our reserves to about \$182,000. This is 55% of total expenses and is projected to be 52% next year. According to our reserve policy, the district will need to take reasonable measures to increase reserves.

Tournaments were down last year except for the Oregon Trail Regional, which increased from 1,499 to 1,586 tables. Medford fell from 628 to 505; Eugene from 1,022.5 to 859, and Seaside from 3,099 to 2,893. Expected table numbers for the rest of 2018 are about the same as prior years for Sunriver and Boise, but Seaside will probably take a hit due to the world tournament in Orlando that week.

As outlined by the finance committee, the board approved the budget for the current year, voting to increase table fees by \$1 in 2019 and to increase fees for North American events from \$13 to \$15, starting with the pairs finals this fall.

Beginning in 2019, the district will reimburse expenses for GNT winners based on the number of teams participating. If participation lags below nine teams per bracket, subsidies will be reduced. The board recognized the growing time commitment of the North American events coordinator by increasing the number of free plays for that position.

#### Other business

Merlin Vilhauer will notify the units of the \$30,000 gift for charities that ACBL allocated to our district this year. Seven charities will be chosen. You may contact your unit with suggestions.

Andrew Nuxoll, a professor at the University of Portland, discussed establishing a college team to compete at the national level. The board was enthusiastic about the idea and pledged its support.

With vice president Jim Smith currently acting as interim president, Mike Eyer was elected as the new vice president. Duane Christensen and Rich Carle were re-elected as treasurer and secretary, respectively. A nominating committee of the president, vice president and secretary will accept nominations for president. Any member of the district can run, so if you are interested, please contact a committee member or me.

#### New Area 2 rep

July Ratley of Redding has been elected to represent Nevada County, Redding, Chico/Paradise and Eureka, replacing long-time area representative Larry Crumb.



July Ratley

The board will meet next Oct. 5 in Seaside.

Marie Ashton can be reached at [marieashton@comcast.net](mailto:marieashton@comcast.net)

# THE SECTIONAL SECTION

## Upcoming sectionals

### Redding

The Redding Spring Sectional will be held April 13-15 at Win-River Hotel & Casino in Redding CA. See ad this page for details.

### Eugene I/N

The Eugene I/N Sectional will be held April 13-14 at the Emerald Bridge Club in Springfield OR. See ad page 18 for details.

### Vancouver

The Vancouver Spring Sectional will be held April 14-15 at Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad this page for details.

### Seaside

The Golden Clam I/N Regional and Seaside Open Sectional will be held April 20-22 at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside OR. See ad page 15 for details.

### Eugene

The Eugene Sectional will be held June 1-3 at Morse Event Center, Northwest Christian College in Eugene OR. See ad page 8 for details.

### Portland

The Portland Sectional will be held June 9-10 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad page 8 for details.

### Salem

The Salem Sectional will be held June 22-24 at the Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center in Keizer OR. See ad page 9 for details.

## SECTIONAL RESULTS

### Redding Sectional (90 tables)

- 1 20.26 Mark Bloom, Chico CA
- 2 20.14 Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ
- 3 18.57 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 4 16.53 David Wilmington, Eureka CA
- 5 15.51 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 6 14.11 Carol Huston, Chico CA
- 7 13.16 Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA
- 8 13.07 July Ratley, Redding CA
- 9 10.21 Paul Gans Jr., Redding CA

### Nampa Sectional (117 tables)

- 1 16.19 Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 16.19 Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 3 13.65 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 4 13.36 Nancy Feldman, Boise ID
- 5 11.83 Stephen Nafus, Boise ID
- 6 11.65 John Gitzen, Meridian ID
- 7 11.24 Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 8 11.03 Ian Martindale, Boise ID
- 11.03 Don Gile, Star ID
- 11.03 Charlene Martindale, Boise ID

### Corvallis 299er Sectional (46 tables)

- 1 4.74 Carol Schaafsma, Eugene OR
- 4.74 Anne Bogart, Eugene OR
- 3 4.47 Jerrold Hughes, Springfield OR
- 4.47 Dottie Haxton, Eugene OR

### Battle of the Willamette NLM (49 tables)

- 1 3.78 Thomas Chambers, Portland OR
- 3.78 Nancy Remple, Portland OR
- 3 3.29 Mark Jansa, Portland OR
- 3.29 Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR
- 5 3.01 Ronald Morgan, Portland OR
- 3.01 Greta Britt, Portland OR

### Battle of the Willamette Open (71 tables)

- 1 16.44 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 2 13.63 Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
- 3 11.58 Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 4 11.58 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 5 11.02 Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 6 9.18 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 9.18 Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA

### Vancouver Fall (128 tables)

- 1 15.73 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 15.73 David Brower, Portland OR
- 3 15.57 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 4 14.46 Roger Thomas, West Linn OR
- 14.46 Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR
- 6 13.26 Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 13.26 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 8 13.19 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 9 12.52 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 12.52 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA
- 11 10.86 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 12 10.45 Jim Wiser, Portland OR
- 10.45 Bill Lawrence, Happy Valley OR

### Honolulu November (92 tables)

- 1 26.34 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
- 2 22.21 Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 3 21.35 Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
- 4 21.19 Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
- 5 17.66 Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
- 6 14.31 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
- 7 13.34 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
- 8 10.78 Catherine Hess, Kaneohe HI

### Vancouver NLM (47 tables)

- 1 5.66 Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
- 5.66 John H. Dove Sr., Vancouver WA
- 3 4.39 Bruce Backup, Portland OR
- 4 3.92 Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR
- 5 3.27 Guher Erbil, Vancouver WA

### D20 STaC (612 tables)

- 1 24.06 Winston Falls, Vancouver WA
- 2 22.42 James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 3 20.70 Edward Lee, Portland OR
- 4 19.09 Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR
- 5 17.75 William Waddle, Brookings OR
- 6 17.75 Sandra Waddle, Brookings OR
- 7 15.84 Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 8 15.00 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 9 14.85 Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 10 14.78 William Mauck, Vancouver WA
- 11 14.50 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 12 14.25 Marcia Heitkemper, Portland OR

- 13 12.49 Elazar Friedman, Middleton ID
- 14 11.81 David Green, Sherwood OR
- 15 11.66 Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
- 16 11.52 Robert Scott, Ashland OR
- 17 11.51 Salena Johnson, Portland OR
- 18 11.34 Douglas Jones, Chico CA
- 19 10.55 Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA
- 20 10.41 Chuck Burns, Vancouver WA
- 21 10.40 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 22 10.04 Eileen Boal, Albany OR
- 23 9.71 John Cissel, Boise ID
- 24 9.58 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 25 9.42 Jack Woodard, Chico CA
- 26 9.38 Karen Mason, Florence OR
- 27 8.88 Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR
- 28 8.86 Nona Hill, Madison WI
- 8.86 Clark Johnson, Madison WI
- 30 8.77 Rich Carle, Longview WA

### Garden Island (42 tables)

- 1 13.68 Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
- 13.68 Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
- 3 13.39 Roger Passal, Woodside CA
- 4 11.77 Douglas McCalla, Kalaheo HI
- 5 11.72 Stuart Vance, Kapaa HI

### Portland Winter (185 tables)

- 1 23.90 Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR
- 23.90 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 3 22.65 Jim Wiser, Portland OR
- 4 16.79 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 5 16.61 Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
- 6 16.27 J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
- 7 16.07 Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA
- 8 15.83 Margaret Evenson, Portland OR
- 15.83 Betsy McCormick, Portland OR
- 10 15.72 Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 11 15.31 Charles Swart, Portland OR
- 12 15.14 Eric Stoltz, Portland OR
- 13 14.86 John Lusky, Portland OR
- 14 13.21 James Elliott, Portland OR
- 15 12.46 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 16 11.23 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 17 10.24 Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 10.24 David Castles, Portland OR

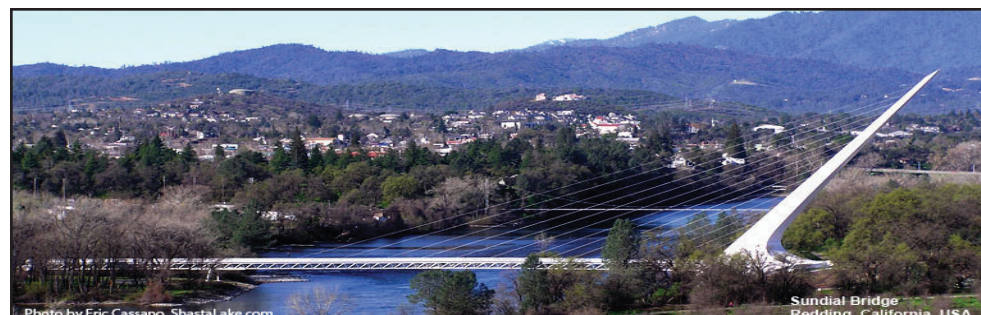


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Redding Unit 464 Presents

## The Sundial Bridge Sectional

April 13-15, 2018

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

Ask for bridge tournament rate (deadline March 23): \$99/double occupancy Thursday and

Sunday; \$109/double occupancy Friday and Saturday

530-243-3377 or 800-280-UWIN; [www.winriver.com](http://www.winriver.com)

### Friday, April 13

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

### Saturday, April 14

- |                                |         |        |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|
| 299er Pairs                    | 10 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| Open Pairs (two session event) | 10 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
- (Single session pairs welcome; if 3 or more tables sign up for single session, a separate side game will be held)

### Sunday, April 15

- |   |         |
|---|---------|
| Stratified Swiss Teams (20 Victory Point scale) | 10 a.m. |
|---|---------|

Two sessions play through

(Lunch will be provided between sessions)

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

#### Stratifications

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

#### Director:

Steve Kaessner

Chairperson:

Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694

Partnerships:

Wilhelmina White, 530-246-1036



Sanction No. 1804031

## Vancouver Spring Sectional

April 14-15, 2018

### Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.

- Stratiflighted Open Pairs (single session)
- 299er Stratified Pairs (single session)

### Saturday, April 14, 3 p.m.

- Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
- 299er Stratified Pairs (single session)

### Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m.

- Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (20 point victory scale)
- \*Stratified Fast Pairs (single session)
- \*Field stratified by director based on entries

### Sunday, April 15, TBA

- Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (20 point victory scale)

#### Open Strats

- A=2000+
- B=750-2000
- C=0-750

#### 299 Strats

- A=150-300
- B=50-150
- C=0-50

#### Team Strats

- A=3000+
- X=0-3000
- B=1250-2000
- C=750-1250
- D=0-750

Strats for all events are based on average masterpoints of team or pair but AX, BCD and non-LM MP limits apply

FREE coffee, tea & snacks

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Chair: Mariam Saner, 858-603-0050,

[mariamsaner@me.com](mailto:mariamsaner@me.com)

Partnerships: Barbara Pyles, 971-275-4508, [barbarapyles@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapyles@gmail.com)

\$10 per session. \$14 for unpaid and non-ACBL members.

Free for 0-5 MP players.

Sanction No. S1804069

# The Bidding Toolbox

## Sometimes a hammer isn't the right tool to use

Your bidding toolbox is much like your workshop toolbox at home. Sometimes the basics will serve you just fine. Specialty tools come in handy, but you might forget how they work if you don't use them often. And too many tools in the box can muck up the brain by the sheer number of them.

Some hands can be bid in several different ways. The trick is in realizing the most effective bid that helps you and your partner

achieve your goal on the hand — to reach the optimal contract, or to jam the opponents, for instance. Think of your options before you bid. You don't want to pull the wrong tool from your toolbox.



**Jim Flint**

The Bidding Toolbox

Take this hand for instance, played in a club game in Tucson by Ashland husband and wife partners **Bill Reeves** and **Becca Ostrom**:

*South (Becca)*

♠9 6 3  
♥8  
♦A K Q J 10 8 6 2  
♣5

Imagine you're the dealer and pick up this five-loser hand with 10 high card points. The opponents are vulnerable, you're not.

The first decision you must make is whether to bid or pass. It seems like too good a hand to pass. So, what are your bidding options?

Should you open with 1♦? After all, you have eight playing tricks.

Should you make a preemptive 3♦ or 4♦ bid? Either bid is descriptive of your hand and preempts the opponents, who might find it difficult to find a fit in their suit. But it also preempts your partner. If he has a good hand, your preempt might make it difficult for your side to find the right contract. And the 4♦ bid precludes a contract of 3NT.

In the actual deal, the dealer's partner had this monster of a hand:

*North (Bill)*

♠A 8 7 4  
♥A Q  
♦9  
♣A K Q J 10 2

Let's see what might happen in each case.

If South opens 1♦, North, with three and a half losers, is thinking about a slam. But he doesn't know how good or long South's diamonds are, or where she might have other values. If he temporizes with 2♣, South will rebid diamonds, and that clarifies the picture somewhat. After a key card ask, they will probably end up in 6NT or 6♦ (to protect against a bad diamond break).

The choices of 3♦ and 4♦ are particularly problematical, but an aggressive North can use key card and probably arrive at 6NT or 6♦.

But wait a minute. South has another tool in her toolbox, just for this kind of hand — the **gambling 3NT** bid, indicating a seven- or eight-card solid minor suit with no outside ace or king. With eight solid diamonds, Becca's 3NT bid gives North the

best possible picture of what she holds. It doesn't over-promise values like a one-bid might. And it doesn't under-promise like a diamond preempt might, which could be bid with lesser suits.

North adds South's known seven diamond tricks to his own sure five club tricks and two outside aces. That's 14 tricks, certainly enough to warrant a 7NT bid. He bid it with absolute confidence.

Nobody else in the room found the grand slam.

When you're rummaging around in that toolbox, don't grab a hammer when a Phillips screwdriver is what you need.

*Jim Flint can be reached at [pubathome@yahoo.com](mailto:pubathome@yahoo.com).*

### NEW ACBL MEMBERS

- |                                 |                                   |   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Thomas Ahern, Wilsonville OR    | Chyle Edic, Beaverton OR          | Catherine Morton Greenlee, Washougal WA |
| Susan Alston, Medford OR        | Richard Frazier, Bend OR          | Sunny Moshier, Harbor OR                |
| John Apperson, West Linn OR     | Bob Gebo, Beaverton OR            | Kathy Neuman, Brookings OR              |
| Trish Apperson, West Linn OR    | Barbara Goode, Brookings OR       | Linda Nicholls, Kalaheo HI              |
| Curt Baunsgard, Bend OR         | Lani Hearn, Honolulu HI           | Kenneth Nitta, Vancouver WA             |
| Nick Beeler, Lake Oswego OR     | Laura Herman, Roseburg OR         | Dale Otten, Paradise CA                 |
| Janet Bowler, Astoria OR        | Jeffrey Howard, Vancouver WA      | Diane Otten, Paradise CA                |
| Lloyd Bowler, Astoria OR        | Dolly Howe, Gleneden Beach OR     | John Overholser, Corvallis OR           |
| Linda Bradley, Chico CA         | Pamela Jackson, Amity OR          | Carolyn Palanuk, Portland OR            |
| Sandy Britt, Wilsonville OR     | Esperanza Jensen, Brookings OR    | Dennis Palanuk, Keizer OR               |
| Mary Lou Brogan, Honolulu HI    | Nora Judd, Captain Cook HI        | Steve Parker, Portland OR               |
| Paul Buckman, Astoria OR        | Joud Kaikhia, West Linn OR        | Nanci Patino, Brookings OR              |
| Thomas Buran, Bend OR           | Mark Lance, Chico CA              | Stephen Prokop, Brookings OR            |
| John Bush, Amity OR             | Charles Langer, Wailuku HI        | Ellen Reuler, Portland OR               |
| Arlette Butler, Grants Pass OR  | Rebecca Lee, Portland OR          | Elton Richardson, Vancouver WA          |
| Anita Caviglia, Newberg OR      | Katheryn Livic, Kihei HI          | Mary Schrader, Portland OR              |
| Susan Circone, Lake Oswego OR   | Linda Lonquist, Grants Pass OR    | Judith Shelton, Brookings OR            |
| Marilyn Clarkin, Honolulu HI    | Judith Lutfy, Aiea HI             | Alberta Simic, Chico CA                 |
| Micheline Cloney, Ashland OR    | Leanne Macdonnell, Garden City ID | Gary Smith, Portland OR                 |
| James Coffield, Corvallis OR    | Joanne Martin, Chico CA           | Amelia Turnbull, Springfield OR         |
| Deborah Cress, Portland OR      | Randy Miltier, Ashland OR         | Avital Wahba, Portland OR               |
| Chase Dearborn, Soda Springs CA | Lisa Morrison, Vancouver WA       | Harlyn Wallenten, Brookings OR          |
| Diane Deibele, Vancouver WA     |                                   | John Winfield, Chico CA                 |
| Jean Dominey, Astoria OR        |                                   |   |

*Welcome!*

## ACBL District 20 Grand National Teams 2018 Finals

Win a trip to the summer North American Bridge Championships in Atlanta, Georgia! Play in the D20 GNT Finals online. Winning teams in each of the four flights are eligible to advance and receive a subsidy of \$ 2,000.

### District Finals

All matches will be played **online with BBO** at locations throughout D20. Pre-qualification is required; **registration deadline is April 14** (see conditions online for details)!

Flight	MP limits	Day and date
<b>Championship</b>	Unlimited	Sat-Sun, April 28-29, 2018
<b>Flight A</b>	Under 6000	Sat-Sun*, May 5-6*, 2018 (* if necessary)
<b>Flight B</b>	Under 2500	Sunday, April 29, 2018
<b>Flight C</b>	NLM (< 500)	Sunday, May 6, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Conventions:** The ACBL Mid-Chart conventions may be used in the Championship and Flight A. D20 allows Mid-Chart defenses to the opponents' 1NT openings in all events.

### National Finals

Winning teams advance to the GNT National Finals against the other district finalists and receive \$1,800 travel subsidy from D20. Additional amounts from Grass Roots Funds may be available. National Finals will be held at the Summer NABC at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA. Play starts on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. All four flights are 2-session Swiss Qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches. Visit the ACBL web page for schedule details: [http://www.acbl.org/tournaments\\_page/nabcs/upcoming-nabcs/](http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/nabcs/upcoming-nabcs/)

### Need more information?

Look on the district website for additional details, including the D20 Conditions of Contest:

[http://www.acbl20.org/NA\\_Events/GNT.html](http://www.acbl20.org/NA_Events/GNT.html)

Or contact the Coordinator, Hal Montgomery, at [dewitt@imaginata.com](mailto:dewitt@imaginata.com), phone (503) 583-3717.



### Come to Atlanta, Georgia! Summer NABC 2018 • July 26-Aug.5

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## DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

### JUNIOR MASTERS

Antoine Atallah, Portland OR  
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 Linda Audrain, Bend OR  
 Lonnie Barron, Happy Valley OR  
 Tammy Barron, Happy Valley OR  
 Nikki Blum, Redding CA  
 Leah Bolger, Corvallis OR  
 Lawrence Brennan, Vancouver WA  
 Bev Britton, Penn Valley CA  
 Jim Britton, Penn Valley CA  
 James Brodhacker, Beaverton OR  
 George Burgott, Eugene OR  
 Lynda Campf Weinstein, Portland OR  
 Katarina Clark, Albany OR  
 David Dailer, Portland OR  
 Mary Dodson, Grass Valley CA  
 Tara Fankhauser, Kilauea HI  
 Avette Gaiser, Neotsu OR  
 Chele Gamble, Bandon OR  
 Monica Heck, Bend OR  
 Mark Heirigs, Vancouver WA  
 Mary Hinsdale, Portland OR  
 Jeffrey Howard, Vancouver WA  
 Joud Kaikhia, West Linn OR  
 Yong Kim (Bang), Lahaina HI  
 Casey Knowles, Kailua Kona HI  
 Robert London, Monroe OR  
 Don Martin, Yreka CA  
 Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR  
 George Mueller-Warrant, Corvallis OR  
 Ginger Mugar, Bend OR  
 Martin Nice, Eugene OR  
 Judith Posey, Portland OR  
 Shirley Schmidt, Beaverton OR  
 Susan Slotzkin, Kealakekua HI  
 Brian Taylor, Lake Oswego OR  
 Susan Tear, Portland OR  
 Raymond Teller, Bend OR  
 Celia Tippit, Astoria OR  
 Christine Vitalis, Medford OR  
 Elliot Wahba, Portland OR  
 Yvonne Wheeler, Honolulu HI

### CLUB MASTERS

Ali Amory, Eugene OR  
 Marilyn Bell, Coos Bay OR  
 Elizabeth Biagini, Penn Valley CA  
 Pat Carroll, Tualatin OR  
 John Chi, Salem OR  
 Sharron Cosby, Eugene OR  
 Karen Douek, Portland OR  
 Carol Field, Corvallis OR  
 Duncan Frazer, Kapaa HI

## New Life Masters

 <b>Tom Chambers</b> Portland OR	 <b>Sherri Faroky</b> Chico CA	 <b>Cookie Hegge</b> Portland OR	 <b>Charlie Hulse</b> Vancouver WA	 <b>Christine Lynn</b> Lyle WA
 <b>Martha Maroney</b> Lake Oswego OR	 <b>Mark Matson</b> Medford OR	 <b>Wendy Mednick</b> Portland OR	 <b>Sheila Moore</b> Portland OR	 <b>Carol Nystrom</b> Vancouver WA
 <b>Daniel Rogers</b> Albany OR	 <b>Wendy Saville</b> Eugene OR	<b>Not pictured:</b> Peggy Sullivan Honolulu HI Suzanne Wallace Kailua HI Carol Zajac Kailua HI		 <b>Phyllis Sutter</b> West Linn OR
<i>Congratulations!</i>				
 <b>Sandy Syrett</b> Corvallis OR				

Margaret Frazer, Kapaa HI  
 Dean Gray, Van Couver WA  
 Mary Hansen, Eugene OR  
 Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA  
 Terry Hart, Salem OR  
 Fred Hegge, Portland OR  
 Laura Herman, Roseburg OR  
 Robert James, Boise ID  
 Larry Jessie, Portland OR  
 Joe Jezukewicz, Bend OR  
 Ruth Johnson, Warrenton OR

Bonnie Larson, Vancouver WA  
 Carol Lilley, Albany OR  
 Carole Ann Milton, Bend OR  
 Jeffrey Reade, Ashland OR  
 Judi Roberts, Tigard OR  
 Janis Rodden, Honolulu HI  
 Linda Schaeffer, Cannon Beach OR  
 Donna Searle, Warrenton OR  
 Harold Shrader, Prineville OR  
 Cyndy Sidore, Princeville HI  
 Carole Starr, Portland OR

Gary Stromberg, Chico CA  
 Avi Tayar, Portland OR  
 Eric Walkingshaw, Corvallis OR  
 Judith Wehenkel, Longview WA  
 Billie Willis, Ontario OR

### SECTIONAL MASTERS

Meredith Aldrich, McKinleyville CA  
 Connie Baker, Bend OR  
 Clariner Boston, Tigard OR  
 Gale Brand, Portland OR


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 Carina Cassim, Portland OR  
 Elaine Cull, Corvallis OR  
 William Elston, Keauu HI  
 Dave Forrey, Nampa ID  
 Pascal Fouque, Waikoloa HI  
 Rachel Frame, McMinnville OR  
 Diane French, Salem OR  
 Shirley Gibbs, Honolulu HI  
 William Gille, Salem OR  
 Dolores Glaze, Brookings OR  
 Maruth Gruver, Vancouver WA  
 Kelly Gutierrez, Redding CA  
 Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR  
 John Hengeveld, Forest Grove OR  
 Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR  
 Tom Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR  
 Sylvi Larsen, Portland OR  
 Louise Lauman, Lake Oswego OR  
 Karen McCarthy, Portland OR  
 Ronald Morgan, Portland OR  
 Georgia Ostenson, Corvallis OR  
 Kathleen Petrucela, Corvallis OR  
 Lil Riley, Koloa HI  
 Patricia Shaddix, Portland OR  
 Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR  
 Carol Vanderploeg, Vancouver WA  
 Steven Vorenkamp, Portland OR  
 Kelly Warner, Boise ID  
 Sally Ann Wells, Seaside OR

### REGIONAL MASTERS

Bill Bergmark, Bend OR  
 Marvin Buff, Kailua HI  
 Marilyn Dodge, Portland OR  
 Marion Gribben, Medford OR  
 Patty McIntosh, Portland OR  
 Helen Mills, Medford OR  
 Paul Penland, Eagle ID  
 Donald Rice, Grants Pass OR  
 Connie Spencer, Rancho Mirage CA  
 Matthew Thomas, Eagle ID  
 Richard Turnbull, Corvallis OR  
 Sharon Warren, Merlin OR

### NABC MASTERS

Gale Alvistur, Chico CA  
 Patricia Berg, Prineville HI  
 May-I Chow, Honolulu HI  
 Blair Curry, Kailua HI  
 David Dodson, Pahoa HI  
 Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA  
 Claudia Maddalena, Honolulu HI  
 Roger Nootenboom, Bend OR



## Eugene Sectional

June 1-3, 2018

**Known for our Hospitality & Fabulous Food**

Northwest Christian University  
 Morse Event Center  
 828 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene

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<b>Friday June 1</b>	11 a.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
	4 p.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
		Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)
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<b>Saturday, June 2</b>	10 a.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
	3 p.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
		Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)
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<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	10 a.m.	Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
		Second Session – TBA
		Teams Stratified by Average
	A=1500+	B=500-1500
		C=0-500
.....		
\$10 Per Player Per Session (\$14 Unpaid/Non-Members)		


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Local Chair: Judy Nevell	<a href="mailto:nevelljb@comcast.net">nevelljb@comcast.net</a>	541-228-4652

Directions from 1-5:

- Take the I-105 exit west toward downtown Eugene
- Take Exit 2 (Eugene City Center, UO)
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## PORTLAND SPRING SECTIONAL

June 9-10, 2018

**THURSDAY, June 7 & FRIDAY, June 8, 10:30 a.m.**  
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**SATURDAY, June 9, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Stratified Open Pairs, single session  
 Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)  
 Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

**SATURDAY, June 9, 3:30 p.m.**  
 Stratified Open Pairs, single session  
 Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)  
 Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

**SUNDAY, June 10, 10:30 a.m. & TBA**  
 Flight A/X Swiss Teams, VPs  
 Flight A= 3000+, Flight X= 0-3000  
 Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss Teams, VPs  
 One Session Teams (Non-LM, 0-500), Win/Loss  
*Note: a team with any player over 2000 plays in Flight A/X*  
 All strats determined by average MPs of team

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For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

**Knowing when to ask, tell is key to finding slam**

Sherry Squirrel is really thrilled about the **Sunriver Regional**. There are so many paths to explore. She will play with Franny Fox, her favorite partner, using her favorite conventions. She is chattering to herself, "I know it is just a game, but I am going to be so serious at this regional!"

"There is nothing like playing with your favorite partner. Bridge is such a game of communication. When you are on the same page as partner, is it ever so fun! Franny leads my suit. Franny supports me when she has at least three-card support."

The last time I played we did *not* bid two slams that made, but we bid three slams that did not make. Dang, is that frustrating — but what joy there is in finding a fit and bidding close games and slams.

First hand of the event, here is the hand that I picked up:

♠J 10 5 2 ♥QJ 9 ♦AKJ 5 2 ♣5

Franny opened 1♠ so I used Jacoby 2NT. I am so happy to have this convention under my belt.

The auction continues 3♣ to my left and 3♦ by Franny. She is trying to tell me that she has a singleton diamond, so I think that my hand just went down in value. So I bid 4♣.

After the game, Franny suggested that a splinter of 4♣ instead of Jacoby 2NT tells

her my whole hand. I have four-card support, game values and a singleton club. Another convention, so useful and so much fun, partner can take control if they want to know more.

This is partner's hand:

♠AKQ 8 6 4 ♥A 5 3 ♦8 ♣J 7 4

So simple and so elegant, and it made 6♠, alas.

You cannot let it get you down, so I am on the lookout for the next slam. I know that it is out there. Next hand, I pick up:

♠KQ 8 5 ♥— ♦KQJ 9 6 5 ♣10 9 7

I am in first seat, not vulnerable, and really want to open this hand. I do like those diamonds. But I do not hold any aces, and do not want to mislead partner. The hand is too strong for a weak two and too weak to open. So I pass.

Franny opens 1♣ with this hand.

♠A 3 ♥A 5 4 ♦A 4 ♣AK 8 5 4 3

Isn't that the prettiest 1♣ opener that you have ever seen? Later she said that if she had held the ♣Q, she might have opened 2♣.

I respond 1♦, she bids 2♣ (oops, that was too weak for that pretty hand), I bid 2♠, and she bids 3♣ and I passed. I liked those clubs, but they are a minor. I could not imagine her making 7♣ or 7NT.

I asked my mentor what I should have done. She said I did well to start with diamonds and then show my spades. It is called a "responder's reverse" and showed a good hand. Maybe after 3♣ I could have raised Franny's clubs.

I promise to get excited about hands in

**Stephanie Owl's advice**

1. Well discussed partnership conventions are so much fun. Knowing when to ask or when to tell is a matter of thoughtful insight and you will get there.

**Splinters** and **Jacoby 2NT** both have four-card support and game values (or more). Jacoby asks, "tell me more," and the splinter tells partner that you have game values with shortness in the splinter suit.

If opener has three small cards opposite a singleton, then all your points are in three suits and likely to be working and you already have established your nine-card major fit.

2. A **rule of 20** opener is adding the HCP to the length of your two longest suits; if it adds up to 20 or more, open (the points must be in the two long suits). If you open rule of 20 hands, both partners need to be aware that opener could be light.

Franny could jump to 2NT over 1♦ to show 18-19 HCP, but four aces are so strong that even that is an underbid. So is a jump to 3♣. Franny needs to let Sherry know her hand is game-forcing opposite a minimum response.

If Sherry opens, then slam is a slam dunk.

As responder, when Sherry starts with diamonds and then bids spades, she has to have extra values because she is forcing Franny to the three level. It is not game forcing, and Sherry has limited her hand by passing first, so Franny is the captain. With a monster hand like that she now knows they are in the slam zone. Can you get to seven?

the future if we have a fit.

I cannot believe that we have missed two slams in one round of bridge. It seems so sad, but I am undaunted.

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

**Sunday, July 1**  
11 a.m. and TBA  
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, two sessions, VPs  
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Flights BCD (B=1000-1500, C=500-1000, D=0-500)  
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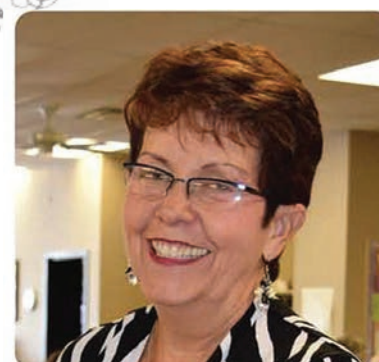
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Barbara Seagram is the co-author of 26 published bridge books, including "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." She was recently named No. 40 on the list of top 52 bridge personalities who have most influenced the game.

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. In Cambodia, they have built and sustain 5 schools and in Laos, they install water filters.



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## SAN DIEGO FALL NABC

## Portland pair performs well in Blue Ribbon Pairs

Playing for the first time in one of the ACBL's three premier pairs events and finishing 20th, Louis Beauchet recounts his experience with Jon Bartlett

By Louis Beauchet  
The Trumpet

Going to the nationals is always an incredible experience, and I got that opportunity for the second time in November when my family took me to San Diego. Great town and summertime weather, but for me the action was inside: 11 straight days of bridge.

After playing with Platinum Life Master Dave Caprera of Denver on Thursday evening and with Irva Neyhart of Corvallis for two days in regional events, I entered the Mitchell Board-a-Match on Sunday, playing the first half with Daniel Hoekstra of Portland and the second with G.S. Jade Barrett of South Dakota. Our team didn't score well and didn't make the cut, so Monday saw us trying the compact KO. We drew Mark Lair on the first round and didn't survive. So now we had to play the loser Swiss in the evening, which finally worked out well for us: we won it.

So after an up-and-down start, I was ready to enter on Tuesday undoubtedly one of the most prestigious pair events of the year, the Blue Ribbon Pairs. Taking place over three days with a cut at the end of the first two days, this event attracts some of the best players in the world.

My partner for my first Blue Ribbon Pairs was Jon Bartlett, a very good flight-A player from Portland. Although we had spent time on our convention card, we had never played before — so who knew what was going to happen when his sound tactics would be facing my wild bridge? I admit that when Jon invited me to play in that event, I wasn't very confident. But I didn't come to San Diego to play badly.

Here is a recap of our adventure, which turned out to be among the most exciting three days of bridge Jon and I have ever had. (Thanks to Jon for his contribution in the following recap.)

## Day one

The first session started off amazingly poorly: I blew a trick on each of the first three boards and I remember Jon looking at me, rather perplexed. On the third round we faced multiple-national-champions Joel Wooldridge and Kent Mignocchi; we bid two thin games that made, and we knew we were right back in the event. A few rounds later, the best hand of this first session showed up. I was dealer and held:

♠AK987 ♥AKQJ87 ♦— ♣83.

I opened 1♥ and Jon bid 2♣ (good news); now over my 2♠ he bid 3♣ (very good news). I could have simply gambled he had ♠AK or the two minor suit aces and jump to 7♥, but instead I decided to invent 4♣, hoping it would help me find out about his minor holdings. This drew 4♦, showing the ♦A (good, but what about the ♣A?). I bid 4♥ and Jon bid 4NT, RKCB.

At that point I thought I had blown the entire auction, until a strange development occurred: I responded 5♥ and Jon tried to sign off in 6♣. I was ready to correct to 6♥ when RHO doubled. Surely, he must have ♣AQ of clubs behind Jon! My only hope then was to make Jon declarer (otherwise a club lead would defeat any slam I play), but not in 6♣.

Looking at every bid, I realized Jon bid notrump first (Blackwood), so I tried 6NT, which RHO doubled again with his actual ♣AQ96. Jon got a spade lead and as I tabled down dummy, I don't know who



After starting the third day in second place, Louis Beauchet and Jon Bartlett placed 20th in the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

was the most shocked. Jon's hand:

♠Q4 ♥2 ♦AK107 ♣K107542.

When the majors broke, he claimed 13 tricks for plus 1330 (not even a top board, two pairs did better). We had actually reached the optimum contract, from the optimum side!

So despite a few mistakes, great boards like this one allowed us to score 54% in our first session. A similar result in the second session would allow us to advance easily with a decent carry-over. So we scored another 54% in the evening and qualified in 63rd position. Jon played great all day but I hadn't been spotless, so I knew I would have to play better the following day to make it to the final.

## Day two

I felt like I did. The second day was simply magical. All day, we had a great combination of good bidding judgment, solid declarer play, accurate defense, good inspiration and luck. It's not often that you feel like your pair is unstoppable, especially in a national event, but this time it was the case. Here are some examples of hands that contributed to our performance.

The third session started off really well. After collecting 300 on a good defense on the first board, I'm facing a lead problem on the second board. RHO opens a strong 1NT and it goes all pass. My hand:

♠107 ♥AJ95 ♦Q65 ♣K865.

I led the ♠10, hoping I would catch Jon's suit. Jon indeed had five spades; a quick down two meant a 75% on the board.

After such a great start, nothing could have stopped us. A few rounds later we faced Bob Hamman and David Berkowitz. But who cares that they have 10 times as many masterpoints as you do and dozens of national titles? You just have to keep playing your game. That's why we sacrificed in 6♦ over their making 5♠. They doubled us and defended perfectly, but we still got 82% on the board. Playing confident bridge works even against the best.

Another example of solid defense: LHO opened 1♥, RHO bid 1♠ and LHO closed the auction with 1NT. Jon led a fourth-best diamond and dummy comes down:

♠K765 ♥3 ♦1092 ♣AJ1065.

My hand was:

♠AQ8 ♥1062 ♦J53 ♣K874.

Dummy played the ♦10 and my jack lost to the king. Then the ♣Q was led on my left, which I ducked smoothly. LHO then led another club to the jack, Jon following. Knowing declarer was out and dummy's clubs were inaccessible, I won. I returned a diamond and Jon cashed his three tricks. He then led a spade to my queen and I returned a heart; ♥9 on my left and Jon won the ♥Q. At that point we had six tricks. Jon led another spade. Dummy was down to:

♠K7 ♥— ♦— ♣A106

and I had:

♠A8 ♥106 ♦— ♣8.

Dummy played the ♠7 and I had to insert the ♠8 to make sure the ♠K wouldn't be an entry for the clubs — watch these spots! Ducking the setting trick was needed to beat it two, because Jon took his ♥K at the end. What was really special is how fast we figured out this defense, and declarer was totally helpless.

Results like this helped us post a 60% session, guaranteeing we'd make it to the final. But a good evening session would allow us to have a better carry-over, so we tried to keep up the momentum.

And so we did. The fourth session was at least as good as the previous one. Two hands from this session really stood out in our memory. The first one was against two well-known French pros. Holding:

♠AKJ983 ♥1094 ♦J952 ♣—,

I decided to open 1♠ rather than 2♠ with such a strong playing hand. After a straightforward auction we landed in 6♠, which wasn't visibly cold but made on the actual layout. Since Jon had a 19-count, one opponent said: "It will be a common result." But his partner corrected: "Depends; he opened with a 9-count." We got 79% on the board. Jon said he found the dialogue hilarious. It was a great experience to be playing, as a Frenchman, against French pros. This was a dream come true, and I was happy to see Jon and me having good results against them.

The second memorable hand was against Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms and a client. Jon opened a 15-17 1NT and my RHO bid 2♣, showing both majors. Holding:

♠KJ105 ♥K62 ♦103 ♣9643,

I definitely wanted to punish them, but doubling right now would be Stayman. So I passed and Jerry bid 2♥, passed to me. So now I doubled and Jon paused briefly before passing. Trusting your partner is important at bridge, and once again Jon did it here. That's definitely one of the reasons why he's known to be great player. We collected 500 and a near-top board.

Everything we did was right and we posted another great 60% in the second session to qualify in second place coming into the final day! Being in contention in such a prestigious event was an amazing feeling to have. Would there be a miracle?

## Day three

I was pretty nervous but still very happy to play in the final. Every player we faced was a national or international champion. Playing with screens and on vugraph added to the prestige. Our strategy was to keep playing well and hope for some luck, since we knew we were not the most experienced players in the room. The goal by then was to place as high as possible.

The fifth session started a bit shaky. I missed a few opportunities early on, like on this board against Bart Bramley and Kit Woolsey. I opened 1♠ with:

♠KJ952 ♥AQ5 ♦— ♣KJ976.

Bart doubled. Jon passed and Kit bid

2♥. I then decided to hide my clubs and rebid my spades, over which Bart jump to 3NT, passed to me. I made an automatic pass, but if I think for a bit, I can guess to bid 4♣. Why is Bart jumping like this when his partner could have a yarbrough? Surely he must have the ♠A and running diamonds (he did have nine of them), so I knew Jon had some clubs. We were indeed cold for 4♣, and we could beat 5♦ one trick. But against 3NT, when Jon led a spade, declarer took 10 tricks for a near bottom.

Of course all that wouldn't have happened had I bid 3♣ at my second turn. That's why it's so difficult to play against these players: They offer you challenges you are not used to facing. It's the best way to learn, for sure!

But this session wasn't all bad and we did get a few excellent boards. Against Zach Grossack and Zia Mahmood, Jon made a great lead that got us a 71% board. Unfortunately I misjudged two hands later on and we couldn't break average, finishing at 48%. We had dropped to 25th overall, but we were still definitely not out of contention.

A little bit disappointed but still proud of ourselves, we really wanted to have a strong finish and climb up a few places.

One of my favorite hands of the last set illustrates the importance of consulting your partner before making a unilateral decision. And that is just what Jon did, successfully. My LHO opened 1♣ and my RHO responded 1NT, while I was looking at a flat 16-count! With no bid available, I stayed quiet. But when Jon made a take-out double, I had no trouble passing and collecting 300. Jon only had a 4-count with five hearts and four spades, but instead of bidding 2♥, he chose to leave the decision up to me. There is nothing better than collecting these penalties against such good players.

The session felt great and we were pleased to end up with 53%, placing 20th overall (it should have been 18th without a mistake in the carry-over that I noticed way too late to get corrected).

Those three days were a lot of fun and very instructive. I'm very thankful to Jon for playing with me. We had lots of great results against the best and showed them how an "unknown" pair could make a good appearance. After that, I'm definitely looking forward to my next Blue Ribbon Pairs.

## Mixed Swiss

My favorite board of the tournament: Playing with Grand Life Master Karen Barrett of South Dakota in the Mixed Swiss on the final weekend, we played against two other Grand Life Masters who had won the Senior Mixed Pairs just a few days before. On one board my RHO opened a weak 1NT and looking at:

♠AK10932 ♥987 ♦K43 ♣K,

I bid 2♠, which ended the auction. LHO led a small club and Karen tabled down a decent dummy:

♠J4 ♥J432 ♦Q52 ♣A1083.

I inserted a sneaky ♣8 and RHO played the jack. I won and counted my tricks. Assuming the ♠Q doesn't drop, I have five spades, one club and one diamond. But I knew that they were never going to let me get to dummy to pitch a loser on the ♣A.

So at trick two I led the ♠10 to create an entry to cash the ♣A: the precious ♠J! Except that with ♠Qxx, my LHO ducked. So now I had six spades and my contract was cold, but as a rude guy, I tried to make an overtrick. I think I led a small heart off my hand and when the smoke cleared I had made four. Really rude. Too bad it wasn't matchpoints.

So my last advice is: Whenever you can, go to the nationals!



**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY MAY 14**

7 p.m. ....Black Butte Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 9; and at 1 & 7 Tuesday)  
 7 p.m. ....Stratified Open Charity Pairs (1 session) (part of Deschutes River Side Game Series) (1 of 5)  
 7 p.m. ...♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

**TUESDAY MAY 15**

9 a.m. ....High Desert Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
 1 p.m. ....Broken Top Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and 1 & 7 Wednesday)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ....Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
 1 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ....Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
 7 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

**WEDNESDAY MAY 16**

9 a.m. ....Morning Stratified Swiss Teams (continues at 9 on Thursday)  
 9 a.m. ....High Desert Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
 1 p.m. ....Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and 1 & 7 Thursday)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ...Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ....♦ Gold Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
 1 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ....Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
 7 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

- Mid-chart conventions allowed in stand alone Flight A/X/Y & top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings allowed in all events.
- One bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.

**THURSDAY MAY 17**

9 a.m. ....High Desert Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ...Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ....♦ Gold Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. ....Bend Side Game Series (1 of 6)  
 1 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ....Bend Side Game Series (2 of 6)  
 7 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

**FRIDAY MAY 18**

9 a.m. ....Mt. Jefferson Compact KOs (winners continue Saturday at 9)  
 9 a.m. ....High Desert Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
 1 p.m. ....Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and 1 & 7 Saturday)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ....Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. ....Bend Side Game Series (3 of 6)  
 1 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ..Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ..Strati-Flighted B/C/D Swiss Teams (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ....Bend Side Game Series (4 of 6)  
 7 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

**SATURDAY MAY 19**

9 a.m. ....High Desert Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
 1 p.m. ....Three Sisters Compact KOs (winners continue at 7)  
 1 & 7 p.m. ....Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. ....Bend Side Game Series (5 of 6)  
 1 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ....Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)  
 7 p.m. ....Bend Side Game Series (6 of 6)  
 7 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

**SUNDAY MAY 20**

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

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**STRATIFICATIONS**

**Three Strat Pairs:** Open/2000/1250  
 ♦ **Gold Pairs:** 750/300/100  
**Stratified Events:** A: Open; B: 2000-750; C: 0-750 (High Desert Side Game Series: Open/1500/500)  
 ♦ **299er Events:** A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50  
**Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams:** Open/4000/2500  
**Strati-Flighted B/C/D Swiss Teams:** 2000/750/300 (no player over 2000 mps).

**Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams** 0-2000 (no player over 2000 mps); teams play in small groups by masterpoint average; gold points in each bracket. (All team events 20 vp).  
**Eligibility** for flighted events based on top player's total MP. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.  
 ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) event.

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## Goodwill: Four are recognized for exemplary behavior, contributions to bridge



Deborah Lackey of Washougal, Wash., Muriel Stitt of Honolulu, Judy Nevell of Eugene and Judy Mundt of Sunriver were recently appointed to the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee.

### Deborah Lackey

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Friend and partner Polly Bullert says one of Lackey's best qualities is that she fosters and encourages new players.

"Her positive and nurturing nature have brought many new players into the duplicate bridge community," Bullert says. She has set up a time and place for new players to come and practice their skills in a nonthreatening environment which will help them transition to the "regular" game.

Lackey's other partner, Barbie Pyles, agrees, saying, "Deborah has a knack about embracing new players and has them stepping out of their comfort zone."

Lackey remembers her own discomfort as a new player.

"I want to try to ease a new player's transitions as much as I can," Lackey says. "It is incredibly rewarding to see a new player enjoying themselves at the table and have the knowledge that I had a piece of giving them that joy."

According to former district president Rich Carle, it was Lackey's knack for advocating for "newbies" that led her into a leadership role, first as chair of the VBC education committee and teaching assisted-play classes. It was Carle who appointed Lackey education liaison when he was president in 2015. "She has done a yeoman's job in my opinion with creativity and hard work," Carle says.

Lackey loves taking on this extra role — having the ability to bring in well-known teachers to host seminars for fellow bridge players is something she finds very rewarding. "This is such a fun job. I am blessed to have gotten to know the hard-working bridge teachers from all over the district."

Her role as educator doesn't end with her classes. "At the bridge table, she is friendly to all and demonstrates what she tries to teach her students: good manners, impeccable ethics and love of the game," Carle says.

Beyond her positive attitude and drive to take on leadership roles, Lackey also goes out of her way to give back to the bridge community. "She volunteers at our member-owned club and is always there to help clean up or set up for games," Bullert says. "This is all done with a smile, a good attitude and most often with a joke in her charming Southern accent."

Pyles agrees, saying, "She has so much to offer and does much more than is asked of her. Deborah is well liked by her students and peers and is a gracious bridge partner."

So how does Lackey feel about receiving this honor? "This is not an award that I take lightly," she says. "I cherish this honor and realize that while every player is an ambassador to the game, in my case, this makes it seriously official. I will do my best to favorably represent the Goodwill Committee."

### Muriel Stitt

Friend, excellent bridge player and all-around do-gooder: that's how many describe Muriel Stitt of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lily Johannessen raves about Stitt's many accomplishments for Honolulu Unit 470 and the Hawaii Contract Bridge Units Association. "Muriel is very active, was involved in unit board work and served many years on the board, being the unit president the last two years of her service," Johannessen explains. "She is also serving on the HCBUA board and involved with the Intermediate/Newcomer group and has been successful in attracting many new players."

If that weren't enough, Stitt has also been appointed the tournament chair for this year's Fall NABC in Honolulu. According to Johannessen, she is still making time for her other hobbies, which include live jazz and reading.

"I feel so grateful for all the ways bridge has enriched my life since I moved to Hawaii in 2004," Stitt says. "And this gives me an opportunity to give back to the game and help ensure its survival."

Clearly Stitt is no stranger to taking on additional responsibilities, but she's also a welcoming face for newcomers. Her partner, Martie Wright, says Stitt goes out of her way to bring new players into the game.

"Muriel was instrumental in starting a non-Life Masters section with the idea that we desperately need new players," Wright explains. "She made it appealing to them by starting a fourth Sunday game, which included a free lunch and reduced entrance fee. She followed up by emailing them and helping them find partners." She says Stitt also set up speakers who could address the group and teach them new things about bridge.

When it comes to playing the game, Stitt's goodwill nature is always present.

"As a bridge player she is friendly to everyone, follows the rules, doesn't get upset with either her partners or opponents," Wright says. Stitt often goes out of her way away from the bridge table to help Wright, giving her rides and offering to take her to the doctor or grocery store. "I consider her as one of my favorite partners and feel very comfortable with her," Wright beams.

Stitt is humble when asked how it feels to become a Goodwill Committee member. "I feel blessed to receive this honor — and blessed to play this game and be part of a community that brings me in contact with friendly, intelligent, interesting people all over the country and the world," Stitt says.



### Judy Nevell

Our third inductee is someone many feel is not only committed to the game and going above and beyond, but also making it a little more fun. Judy Nevell of Eugene, Ore., is someone who first sought to improve her game, and then increase her impact on the game she loved so much, according to Emerald Bridge Club owner Don Marsh.

"In addition to wanting to become a better player, Judy was also looking for ways in which she could make a contribution to the bridge community itself," Marsh says. "She ran for, and secured, a position on the unit board. Judy saw that there was a need for someone to step up and direct the monthly unit game. She took the director's test, secured the proper certification, and has been a fixture ever since."

Friend and fellow player Cindi Palman agrees. "I think Judy steps in whenever she sees a need and she has the skills to fill it."

Palman notes Nevell's contributions on the board and as an organizer for the club's sectional and regional events.

"She was a teacher and has great classroom management skills, which she has been known to employ when we are rowdy at the club and don't settle down!" Palman said, laughing.

When a replacement was needed for a tournament coordinator, it was Nevell who stepped forward.

"She has, for the past few years, been in charge of the Eugene Sectional, assists with the Eugene Regional, helps oversee the annual election party as well as helping with the annual picnic that is held at Mary Egger's spectacular setting on the river," Marsh says.

So why did Nevell decide to step and take on more responsibilities? "I believe that you can only build a strong community with the help and input of all the members working together," she says.

Beyond her go-getter mentality, Nevell is also just extremely well-liked by her fellow bridge players. "Judy is sweet, tough, and funny," says Palman. "A take-charge kind of person. She makes tournament trips adventures."

Fellow player Terry Nagel says it's easy to see that Nevell cares about everyone at the club. "If Atilla the Hun walked in and announced that he needed a partner, she'd do her best and ask one of us to show him around the club," Nagel said. He said she is unfailingly graceful in the face of boorishness.

Nevell is both surprised and thankful to receive the honor. "I think it has to be the nicest group of people that you would want to be around so often," Nevell says.

For Marsh, Nevell is a true standout. "Judy would do anything for anyone at any time," Marsh says. "The reason she is such a critical component of the bridge community is that she is always considering the greater good."

### Judy Mundt

Our final inductee received glowing endorsements from several members of the bridge community, including national Goodwill Member of the Year Nelda Linman. Judy Mundt of Sunriver, Ore., is well-liked by all who cross her path.

Linman says Mundt is someone who always goes the extra mile. And that can be seen by the great efforts Mundt made to ensure Linman was recognized for her own efforts of goodwill — working to collect nomination letters from about a dozen others in the Bend community as well as her own on Linman's behalf. So, it's only fitting that Linman would get to return the favor and speak about Mundt's own do-good nature.

"She is known to help people, whenever she hears they have a need, without any recognition," Linman says. "At our first regional, a visitor from Vancouver left behind a favorite pillow. When hearing about that, she volunteered to deliver it to them on her next trip to the area," Linman explains.

Mundt says she and her husband, Ron, took up duplicate bridge in 2009 and became Life Masters in about 4 years.

"We both enjoy card games and had time to learn since we were retired," she says, adding they really enjoyed the challenge.

Fellow player Dennis Douglas looked up the definition of "goodwill" in the dictionary and found it suits Mundt: "having a friendly attitude and wanting good things to happen to other people."

Douglas says Mundt is always willing to help. "Whether that entails setting out the bidding boxes and movement cards, making coffee or helping others with their tasks, Judy is there with a smile," he says.

Linman believes Mundt's most generous contribution to the bridge community is the party she hosts for the entire unit for the Sunriver Regional. "She also stepped up as the Area 7 Representative and has done a fine job," Linman says.

Mundt enjoys hosting the Sunriver Regional gathering, and decided to start doing it because she thought it would be fun to have a get-together for her bridge friends. "We have a big deck and cross our fingers for good weather," Mundt says. "A shuttle bus brings most people to our house and we feed them a casual meal between the afternoon and evening sessions."

Like many of the other 2018 inductees, Mundt is also an advocate for new players. "Judy is always more than willing to play with and encourage newcomers," Douglas says. "This makes our club a better place."

When asked why she goes out of her way to welcome new players, Mundt says she can remember playing a game in Arizona with Ron where no one greeted them. "No one asked us where we were from. We were new players and felt very unwelcome." So she vowed to never be like that. "How can you get new players with that attitude? It takes so little to be friendly."



Nelda Linman at the goodwill reception at the San Diego NABC.

## Linman: ACBL honors Bend player

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years on the ACBL Board of Governors. But she is best known as the driving force behind the Sunriver Regional. "I think she was personally responsible for making it happen," said Judy Mundt, who has since become a district board member.

Nelda spent six years lobbying the board to hold a regional in the Bend area and then another two years preparing for it once it was approved. Held in 2014 and 2016 with a third time coming in May, Sunriver has become District 20's fastest growing regional. While preparing for the first one, Nelda encouraged everyone in the unit who traveled to tournaments to personally invite every person they met.

"Everyone worked so hard," said Nelda, who was local chair then and in 2016. "I had a team of workers for that regional that just wouldn't quit. That's just how the people in our area are. The Oregonians, once they get on board, they're on board."

Because of the success of the tournament, the district board has discussed the possibility of making it annual. But as the district continues to rotate among six regional sites, it remains a biennial event. "It's hard to drop somebody and cause hard feelings," Nelda said.

Nelda's award was announced during the San Diego NABC and will be formally presented at the Spring NABC in Philadelphia on March 12. It's a rare bridge tournament that Nelda's husband will attend.

The Mundts met Nelda when they started learning bridge nine years ago. "I was so impressed with her friendliness and her willingness to help new players," Judy said. "And then I got to know her because we were on the board and I got to see what a giving person she is. Her willingness to play with players at much lower ability ... says a lot about her as a person."

A formative experience in Nelda's very first duplicate game played a large role in fostering the kind of behavior that won her the goodwill award.

In her 30s, while living in Mexico City where her husband had recently started working, Nelda was asked to help organize a charity bridge game at the American embassy. She knew very little of either bridge or Spanish, but for the role of organizer, she didn't need to — or so she thought. Then came game time, when a man showed up without a partner. Without filling out the last table, the charity would lose \$100, so Nelda reluctantly agreed to play.

The game was conducted in Spanish and there were no bidding boxes, so Nelda, who was barely familiar with bridge terms in English, had to quickly learn how to follow an auction and call for cards in another language. She was so flustered that she precipitated three director calls in the first 20 minutes, by which point she was in tears. But her partner came to the rescue.



Nelda Linman and Sandy DeMartino, chair of the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

"He was just so nice and put me at ease," Nelda said. "He told me he was just here to have a nice time with me."

The mystery man's calming words helped Nelda get it together, and she was surprised to discover she was actually having a good time. After the game, she learned her partner was George Rosenkranz, the person with the most masterpoints in Mexico and the head of the company sponsoring the charity game.

"It was really the best way ever to start playing bridge," Nelda said. "He was a real gentleman. He was the person who really taught me that no matter what you do at the bridge table, if you're nice, you can have a good time. That's been my bridge philosophy all my life."

About 25 years later, after settling in Bend, Nelda returned to bridge and joined the ACBL in 2002, playing at the Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club, where attendance was dwindling. In order to turn things around, they decided to try something new: hold elections. Nelda ran for unit board and in 2005 became president. She started a mentorship program at the club and started mentoring Jan Hart.

"I have never known anyone as excited and enthusiastic about the game of bridge," Hart said. Hart was surprised that Nelda's mentorship extended beyond playing at the club to traveling to tournaments. Playing with Nelda meant playing up, and Hart was sometimes intimidated. Once the two of them came up against Mike Cappelletti, and Hart was so nervous she forgot Stayman. "If my confidence waned, she was always kind with encouraging words," Hart said.

In 2002 the city of Bend honored Nelda as its volunteer of the year for her service to the local hospice program, which she has served for 24 years. She has also volunteered for Friends of the Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Reading for the Blind.

Another project Nelda started as unit president was reciprocal housing for coastal Oregon residents to come to Bend's sectional and host Bend residents during Newport's sectional, which resulted in increased attendance.

The friendlier you are, the more success you'll have," Nelda said. "The more bridge players I meet, the happier I am."

## Races: D20 players place nationally

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McKenney bracket. She was third in all brackets in D20, behind **Huub Bertens** and **Roger McNay**, two full-time professional players. Neyhart became a Diamond Life Master at the Fall NABC in San Diego.

**Mark Bennett** of Honolulu, who has perennially been D20's top online player, placed third in the national online race. Bennett also recently became a Platinum Life Master, going over 10,000 masterpoints — many of which he earned online.



Mark Bennett

**Louis Beauchet** of Sherwood OR also had a great year, placing seventh in the national 500–1000 Mini-McKenney bracket with 453.80 masterpoints. He was third in the youth category and sixth in juniors, winning handily in D20.

And **Dennis Harms** of Corvallis was fourth in the 1500–2500 Ace of Clubs.

Other strong ACBL-wide finishes in the Mini-McKenney: **Roger Thomas** (19th, 20–50), **Dawn Campbell** (8th, 1500–2500), **Bob Johnson** (10th, 2500–3500) and **Jon Bartlett** (12th, 5000–7500). In Ace of Clubs races: **Mark Hickman** (15th, 100–200) and **Eileen Boal** (13th, 500–1000).

Results from D20 races are on page 3.

## OTR: Tournament manager needed

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Asai, who remains on the board as the Area 1 representative, declined to comment on his resignation. Vice President **Jim Smith** became acting president and finished chairing the meeting.

**Mike Eyer** was elected vice president, **Rich Carle** secretary, **Duane Christensen** treasurer. Three members of the board — Smith, Eyer and Carle — will conduct a search for candidates to be elected as president. The election then will be conducted from that slate. Smith will act as president until that election is held.

Information regarding the district's policies and procedures is available on the D20 website under the D20 Board tab. There you will find the bylaws and Manual of Policies and Procedure, a list of current board members, and minutes from past meetings, among other things.

The presidential term is one year. From the bylaws:

The president shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors, shall have general

supervision of the affairs of D20, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office or are assigned by the board of directors. The president may not serve for more than two consecutive terms and may not be elected again until there has been a lapse of at least three years.

Considering the rather disappointing trend in tournament attendance and its impact on financial reserves, it may be time for a fresh perspective. Candidates from all areas of D20's wide region are encouraged to run. The board conducts some business electronically, although it is necessary to attend the two board meetings in person. They are typically held during the Oregon Trail Regional and another tournament to be determined, usually in the summer.

Also of note, the board is still searching for an education liaison to replace **Deborah Lackey**. The board is also seeking a co-tournament manager to assist **Jim Wheeler**. There are advertisements regarding these positions elsewhere in this issue (pages 17, 22).

## Vilhauer: LM rules loosened for some

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voted to move forward with four of them. They are: improve teaching results, advertise/promote/sponsor, simplify masterpoints and develop strength-based ratings. Not all of these ideas support our current strategic goals, but they do contribute to making the game better.

♦ The board spent a day discussing the dues paid to the World Bridge Federation. We currently pay \$1 per year per member to support international bridge championships. It was approved to reduce this over the next few years to about 25 cents per member, which will raise \$40,000. The WBF is going through its own big changes. For more information, email me or check the minutes on the ACBL site.

♦ Drop-ins, teams which play and lose in the quarterfinals of the Spingold, are allowed to drop into the Roth Swiss Teams event as long as the team remains the same.

♦ A new national event has been added to the Fall NABC, the Paul Soloway KO Teams. The KO starts with two days of Swiss qualifying sessions consisting of 16, seven-board matches using victory points. The top 32 teams based on VPs will advance to the KO stage. This event will begin at the November 2019 Fall NABC.

♦ Reinstatement of pre-2010 Life Master requirements for lapsed members: If you joined ACBL prior to Jan. 1, 2010, and maintained continuous membership after that date, or if you allowed your membership to lapse and have been reinstated, you will be eligible to become a LM based on the pre-2010 requirements.

♦ The fee sectionals and regionals are required to charge those who are not paid ACBL members was raised from \$3 to \$4. A new temporary membership is offered: one month for \$7.99.

♦ The Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs limit is changed from 5000 to 6000, to match the changes in similar events.

San Diego was also very exciting because the national Goodwill Committee announced the winner of the 2018 member of the year and the winner is D20's own **Nelda Linman**. Well done and most certainly well deserved. Linman will be honored at the Goodwill Meeting at the Philadelphia NABC.

Every four years we are allocated \$30,000 from the ACBL Charity Foundation. We can divide that amount among, at most, seven charities. I will send out a letter to all the units with further details and then I will have a small group help me decide how we will allocate this money.

The Hawaii Fall NABC is a winner. It combines a wonderful playing area with a great place to spend time away from the tables. Marilyn and I attend the January regional in Honolulu every year and we can give you lots of ideas for making your trip a little more economical if you choose to stay away from the wonderful Hilton Hawaiian Village. We may also share the name of our favorite restaurant where we enjoy a fabulous \$15 lobster.

It's a great year for regionals in D20 — recently completed in Vancouver and later in Bend, Boise and Seaside.

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# THE GREAT POTATO REGIONAL

## Aug. 6-12, 2018



### SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY AUGUST 6

7 p.m. .... Charity Pairs  
(part of Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series, 1 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

#### TUESDAY AUGUST 7

9 a.m. .... Snake River Knockout Teams  
(winners continue at 9 on Wednesday & Thursday)  
9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... City of Trees Knockout Teams  
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Wednesday)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Open Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Boise Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Ontario Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (2 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

#### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Open Three Strat Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Boise Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
7 p.m. .... Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (3 of 6)

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 9

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... Treasure Valley Knockout Teams  
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Friday)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Open Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Boise Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Shoshone Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (4 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 10

9 a.m. .... Sawtooth Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
(all teams to continue at 9 on Saturday)  
9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Open Three Strat Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Boise Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
7 p.m. .... Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (5 of 6)

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 11

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... Hells Canyon Compact Knockout Teams  
(winners continue at 7)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Open Three Strat Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Boise Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
7 p.m. .... Lewis and Clark Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (6 of 6)

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 12

10 a.m. & TBA..... Strati-flighted Swiss Teams AXY  
10 a.m. & TBA..... Strati-flighted Swiss Teams BCD



#### TABLE FEES

ACBL members, \$12; non- and unpaid, \$16; under age 25, \$5



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#### STRATIFICATIONS

**Open Three Strat Pairs:**  
A: 2000+, B: 1250-2000, C: 0-1250.  
**Gold Point Pairs:**  
A: 300-750, B: 200-300, C: 0-200.  
**Open Stratified Pairs:**  
A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750.  
**299er Stratified Pairs:**  
A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50.  
**Strati-flighted Swiss Teams AXY:** (20 vp)  
A: 4000+, X: 2500-4000, Y: 0-2500  
**Strati-flighted Swiss Teams BCD:** (20 vp)  
B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500.

♥ Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.  
♠ Midchart Conventions allowed in stand alone Flight AXY & top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings allowed in all events.  
♣ One bracket KO may be handicapped.  
♥ Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.  
♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events.  
♦ Speakers, Mini-lessons, Prize Beads, Party!



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# The long haul

*Doug Higgs of Klamath Falls has worked in newspapers for 75 years and is still at it*

**By Bobby Thompson**  
The Trumpet

In one way or another, Doug Higgs of Klamath Falls, Ore., has been in the newspaper business for 75 years.

Born in Los Angeles on May 10, 1933, Doug began delivering newspapers at age 9 on his bicycle for the Los Angeles Herald. Since there were no leash laws back then, his cocker spaniel would run alongside for company. Paper delivery in the morning and collecting at night kept him busy.

In high school Doug covered sports and participated in a work program with the Los Angeles Examiner. After graduating from high school in 1951, he worked as an Examiner copy boy and reporter. Later the two papers merged and became the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner.

A two-year stint in the U.S. Navy interrupted his newspaper career. After being discharged, Doug returned to the Examiner. While working, he took journalism classes at Los Angeles City College and writing classes at UCLA and USC.

Following a four-year stint as the only reporter for the Yreka Siskiyou Daily News, Higgs received a job offer from the Herald and News in Klamath Falls in 1966. He visited the city, liked what he saw, and made the move. Over the years he has covered about everything, including police, courts, education and county government.

Bridge has been a big activity for Doug. He is one of only two Diamond Life Masters in Unit 482, accomplishing the feat in 2013. He started playing bridge at night, twice a week, at the Winema Hotel in the late 1960s and played lots of sectionals and a few regional tournaments.

"It's a very competitive activity and I



Doug Higgs displays an archive picture he received from the Klamath Falls Herald and News in 2016 on his 50th anniversary of working there. Higgs, who will be 85 in May, has no plans to retire.

enjoy it. Our games are all daytime now with our players' average age about 80. We play twice a week plus a Sunday game once a month," said Higgs. "Three or four tables until the snowbirds come home in May. I go to Medford, Bend and Redding tournaments; it's enjoyable."

Besides bridge he enjoys classic movies, shopping and good food.

"I like to eat good meals and I don't mind paying a lot. If you have a good meal, you probably haven't paid as much as you should have. And if you had a bad meal, you've probably paid too much."

Four years ago Higgs cut back to working 25 hours a week at the paper. He is the

clerk and the hospitality host for the newsroom. He writes the Weekender column for the Friday paper, does rewrites for the television section, upcoming meetings, community events and obituaries. "In general, I do what no one else wants to do," Doug says.

Doug has written the local weekly bridge column for the Herald and News for many years and in the 1990s was unit 482 reporter for the Western Conference Forum.

Not at a point where he plans to retire because he still enjoys what he does at the newspaper. "I'm grateful to the Herald and News for allowing me to continue what I love to do and getting to live in one of my favorite places," said Higgs.



The Lodge at Sunriver Resort.

## Regionals

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designed for the growing number of newer players. Look for Intermediate/Newcomer games scheduled every day. Of course, newer players can enter any of the events and test their skills against players with more experience. Experienced players will often say that playing "up" helped improve their game. Regionals are a great place to learn and to practice your new skills.

**Berta Cleveland** is the local chair for the tournament. She's coordinating the partnership and hospitality desks. **Margi Redden** will host another one her I/N parties. **Jeff Jacob** is the director in charge.

This is a fun tournament with great bridge at a wonderful playing site. You might want to consider spending some extra time in Sunriver enjoying the biking and walking trails, playing some golf, doing some fishing or canoeing, or just enjoying the desert country.

Hope to see you there!

Tournament Manager Jim Wheeler can be reached at [jimpamw@yahoo.com](mailto:jimpamw@yahoo.com).

**Welcome to Seaside Unit 491's 71st-Annual Sectional combined with our first Intermediate/Newcomer 0-750 NLM Regional**

**10 a.m., FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(2-session playthrough)  
Sand Dollar Stratified **Open** Pairs (SILVER).....(single session)  
**299er** Starfish Stratified Pairs (RED).....(single session)

**3 p.m., FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(2nd session)  
Crabcakes Stratified **Open** Pairs (SILVER).....(single session)  
**299er** Starfish Stratified Pairs (RED).....(single session)

**10 a.m., SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(2-session playthrough)  
Pacific Ocean Stratified **Open** Pairs (SILVER)....(2-session playthrough)  
**299er** Indian Beach Stratified Pairs (RED).....(single session)  
**99er** Promenade Stratified Pairs (RED).....(single session)

**3 p.m., SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(2nd session)  
Pacific Ocean Stratified **Open** Pairs (SILVER).....(2nd session)  
**299er** Haystack Rock Stratified Pairs (RED).....(single session)

**10 a.m. & TBA, SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Swiss Teams (GOLD/RED).....(2-session playthrough)  
Gearhart Stratified **Open** Swiss Teams (SILVER).....(2-session playthrough)  
*On the road by 6:00 pm.*

**GOLDEN CLAM I/N REGIONAL STRATS**

Each player must be a non-Life Master with less than 750 MPs.

**Gold Rush Pairs & Teams:** A: 300-750; B: 100-300; C: 0-100. *Pays 25% gold and 75% red for section tops and overall winners.*

**299er Pairs:** A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50. *Pays red points.*

**99er Pairs:** A: 50-100; B: 20-50; C: 0-20. *Pays red points.*

**SEASIDE SECTIONAL STRATS**

**Stratified Open Pairs & Teams:** A: 2500+; B: 1250-2500; C: 0-1250.  
*Pays silver points.*

**Table fees:** ACBL members, \$10 per session; non- and unpaid members, \$14; \$5 under age 25.

**ACCOMMODATIONS CLOSE TO THE PLAYING SITE**

**(Ask for the bridge rate)**

- The Inn at Seaside, 441 2nd Ave. (opposite) 800-699-5070
- The Rivertide Suites, 102 N. Holladay Dr. (riverfront) 503-717-1100
- Best Western Oceanfront, 414 N. Promenade (4 blocks) 800-234-8439
- Call 1-800-444-6740 for other accommodations.

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April 20-22, 2018

# The Golden Clam I/N Regional and the Seaside Sectional

**New times! 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

**Seaside Convention Center**

415 First Avenue,  
Seaside, OR 97138

**Director in Charge:** Jeff Jacob

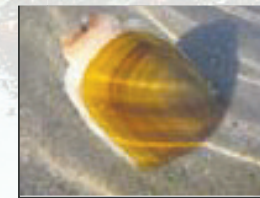
**Caddies:** Sandra Baker

**I/N Coordinator:** Penny Smith.

**Hospitality:** Jan Amend

**Tournament Chairs:** Gil & Ann Marie Gramson,  
(503) 861-1133, [gilandanngramson@charter.net](mailto:gilandanngramson@charter.net)

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**Dig for:**  
**Gold Points!**  
**Red Points!**  
**Silver Points!**

# Laws of the Game

## If it's not alertable, don't alert it

Dennis is a retired attorney, long-time bridge player, and a new director in Jackson County, Southern Oregon. In each issue, he'll write about a topic dealing with the laws of the game.

A common question among players is, "When do we alert the 2♦ response to the strong 2♣ opener?"

The answer is never.

In Standard American and 2/1, the 2♣ opening bid shows 22+ HCP or a four-loser hand. The most common response is 2♦, which can show various hands:

♦ **Waiting.** It says nothing about responder's hand, but throws the bidding back to opener to further describe his hand.

♦ **Game Force.** It promises an ace or a king.

♦ **Controls or Points.** It shows some number of controls (aces and/or kings) or high card points.

**Q:** So, which of these bids should be alerted?

**A:** None of them.

Historically, players did not alert the 2♦ waiting bid because it conveyed no special meaning about responder's hand. But most players alerted any 2♦ response that conveyed special meaning; e.g., a game force or number of controls.

If you read the official ACBL position, it states that 2♣ and 2♦ do not require an alert during the auction. The language does not specifically forbid alerting. However, after an inquiry, the ACBL response was unequivocal: "Thou shalt not alert."

The thinking is that alerting bids which do not require an alert may serve to wake up partner to whatever unusual meaning you believe the bid shows. So, the ACBL reasons, alerting the 2♦ response may give unauthorized information to responder.

Finally, in the spirit of full disclosure, partnerships are encouraged to let their opponents know the meaning of artificial bids which do not require an alert if it is something that might be unexpected. The time to do that is after the auction and before the opening lead, if your side ends up declaring.



Dennis Kendig  
Trumpet Contributor

# Strategic Thinking

## Lead-directing bids guide defense

In this article, we'll explore different ways you can help your partner with his choice of lead. This can be made during the bidding, by showing to your partner where your values are.

However, a lead-directing bid needs to help your partner more than the opponents. Don't make a lead-directing bid if you think you will be on lead, or if you are also happy with other leads. There is no need to tell the opponents what you have in your hand if it doesn't help your side.

A lead-directing bid is a suggestion. So when partner makes one, it's still up to you to decide what lead seems best.

Here are some common lead-directing bids:

**Overcalls.** The most natural way to show where your values are is to overcall a good suit. In addition to helping your side find a fit, they are powerful lead-directing bids. Avoid overcalling with five to the jack. If you do, partner will never know if he can safely lead your suit. For example, it makes more sense to overcall 1♠ with:

♠A Q 10 x ♥x x ♦K x x x ♣x x x  
than with:

♠J x x x x ♥A K x ♦K x x ♣Q x.

With the second hand, double would be more appropriate, but pass is my favorite option. Either the hand belongs to the opponents and you don't want to give information away or it belongs to your side and you will get to bid later on.

**Preempts.** The same strategy applies here. You can preempt very light, with as few as 4 points and a five-card suit (as long as it's a partnership agreement), but you always want to have a good suit. If the vulnerability is right, you can open 2♠ with ♠KJ 10 x x and nothing outside. But don't open 2♠ with jack-empty-sixth and 8 points, you are too likely to

get partner off to a bad lead.

**Third-hand openings.** Although some third-hand openings are real openings, you can also open with a good suit at the one level in third chair with very few HCP. The reason? It's lead-directing. As the



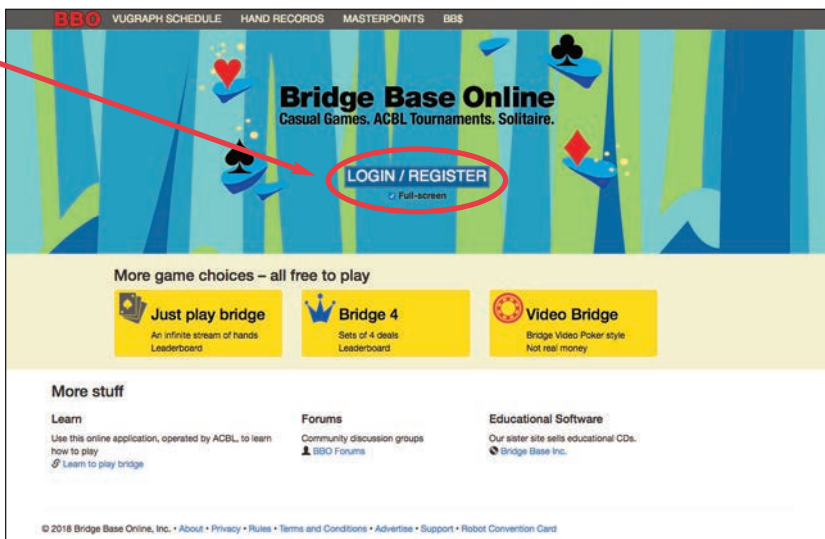
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# Getting started using Bridge Base Online

www.bridgebase.com

1 Go to www.bridgebase.com.



2 Click on Login/Register.



5 This is the internal home screen you'll see after registering and later when you come back and log in. Here are some of the features of the page and things you can do from here.

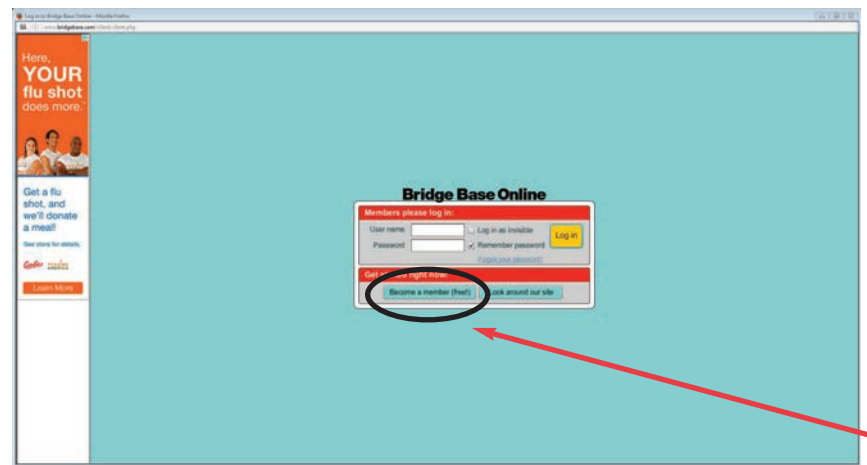
**A** This toolbar contains buttons for Options, BBO Now, My BBO, \$\$\$ and Help. You can control some of the interface settings, create and edit convention cards, add money to your account to play for online masterpoints and more.

**B** The blue panel contains four buttons: Solitaire, Competitive, Casual and Practice. Solitaire offers an unlimited stream of hands to play for free with robots. Competitive is a mostly redundant link to the same options included in the green panel. Casual allows you to play with other people, either randomly or with friends. Practice has tools teachers can use to give lessons.

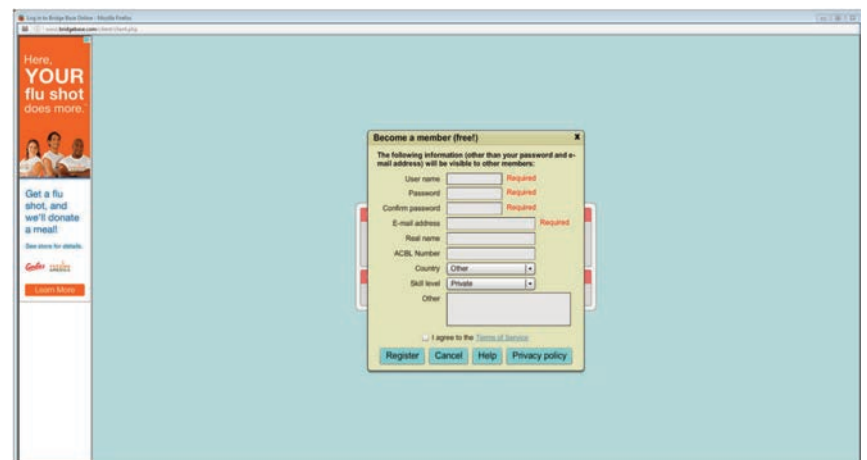
**C** In the green panel are ACBL World, Robot World, Challenges, Instant Tournaments, Vugraph and Masterpoints and Races. ACBL World is where you can play online for masterpoints with robots or human partners.

**D** The panel on the right side defaults to the News Feed. Who's Online allows you to find people whose screen names you know. My Results displays in this panel when you're in the playing environment.

**E** This is the chat window. You can send direct messages to individual users and group messages to everyone at your table.



3 Click on Become a member (free!).



4 Select a username and password (and be sure to write them down). Enter your email address, name and ACBL number. Select your country from the dropdown and skill level if you wish to display it. In the Other box, you can identify the system(s) you play. Check the box to agree to terms of service. Finally, click Register.



# HAWAII NEWS

## Alert: Duck and cover during Hawaii Regional missile scare

Bridge tactics “duck” and “cover” took on new meaning at the 2018 Honolulu Regional in January when the state of Hawaii erroneously issued a missile attack warning just after 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13. Mobile phones across the islands blared “BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.”

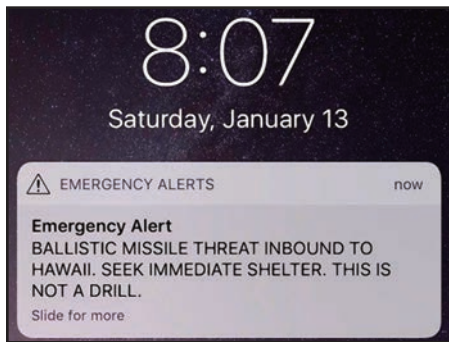
Bridge players arriving for the morning session at the Hawaii Prince Hotel abandoned their bidding boxes and sought shelter in the hotel, while many panicked residents and visitors scrambled to retrieve their loved ones.

Incredibly, the errant alert was not re-



scinded until 30 minutes later, after which the entire state exhaled a breath of relief. Hawaii Governor David Ige said to the New York Times, “What happened today was totally unacceptable. Many in our community were deeply affected by this. I am sorry for the pain and confusion that anyone might have experienced.”

Local players took the false alarm in stride. After a brief pause to calm frayed nerves and get reorganized, tournament director Matt Smith and his crew jumped back in action to complete the Saturday morning events. The tournament finished without incident, and hundreds of players returned home to the mainland with a new “Where were you when?” story.



## HAWAII REGIONAL RESULTS

Total masterpoints: 6418.17 earned by 460 players. Total attendance: 990 tables.

1	104.60	Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA	35.45	Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	13.64	Larry Sullivan, Vancouver WA					
	104.60	Mike Passell, Plano TX		139	13.59	Margaret Frazer, Kapaa HI					
	104.60	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	47	33.44	140	13.59	Duncan Frazer, Kapaa HI				
	104.60	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	48	33.19			Martie Wright, Honolulu HI				
5	78.29	Vince Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL	52	31.47	144	13.11	Judith Lee, Honolulu HI				
	78.29	Susan Schnelwar, New York NY	53	30.72	150	12.91	Judith Lee, Honolulu HI				
	78.29	John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV	54	30.39	154	12.82	Vicki Sutton, Honolulu HI				
	78.29	John Hurd, New York NY	56	30.05	155	12.69	Joe Williams, Princeville HI				
	78.29	John Hurd, New York NY	56	30.05	155	12.69	Ann Williams, Princeville HI				
9	74.17	Joe Grue, New York NY	30.05	Robert Johnson, Tigard OR	157	12.62	Paul Glaza, Kaneohe HI				
10	73.42	Justin Lall, Charlotte NC	63	28.33	158	12.52	Stuart Vance, Kapaa HI				
11	72.90	Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL	64	28.19	159	12.51	Wilfred Motokane Jr., Honolulu HI				
12	72.68	Brad Moss, Denver CO	67	26.89			12.51	Richard S.H. Wong, Honolulu HI			
13	71.27	Ron Smith, Chicago IL	70	25.40	161	12.41	David Dodson, Pahoehoe HI				
	71.27	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	73	24.30	162	12.19	Susan Brown, Ocean View HI				
15	70.91	Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA	73	24.30							
16	66.07	Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL	74	24.12	164	11.83	Wendy Mednick, Portland OR				
17	65.29	Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH	75	23.67							
18	63.89	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC	76	23.23	169	11.66	Yoshi White, Honolulu HI				
	63.89	Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL	23.23	Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR	171	11.61	May-I Chow, Honolulu HI				
20	62.26	Gaylor Kastle, Boca Raton FL	78	22.01			171	11.61	Steven Nesselser, Kaneohe HI		
21	61.14	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI	79	21.99	173	11.59	Joan Shafer, Pahoehoe HI				
22	52.95	Sheri Winstock, Las Vegas NV	80	21.99	174	11.49	Penny Kallaus, Holoaloa HI				
23	48.81	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA	81	21.86	176	11.46	James Keefe, Honolulu HI				
24	45.45	Yukiko Tokunaga, Tokyo Japan	85	21.13			183	11.19	Mitsuko Kodama, Mililani HI		
	45.45	Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo Japan	91	20.05	184	11.07	Howard Co., Honolulu HI	184	11.07	Howard Co., Honolulu HI	
26	45.27	John Sutherlin, Dallas TX	99	19.45			11.07	Barbara Linn, Honolulu HI			
27	44.57	Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas TX	99	19.45	187	11.01	Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI				
28	42.65	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI	100	19.24	198	10.28	Gerald Snell, Kaneohe HI				
29	41.95	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI	109	18.77	202	9.98	Naomi Nortman, Honolulu HI				
	41.95	Edward Nagy, Danville CA	108	17.87			9.80	Cheryl McLeroy, Kailua HI			
31	41.94	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI	109	17.83				206	9.43	Deborah Ayars, Waipahu HI	
32	40.89	Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA	110	17.76				207	9.30	Thomas Ryder, Boise ID	
33	40.87	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	111	17.30				9.30	Suzy Ryder, Boise ID		
34	40.38	Ying Yin, Yokohama Japan	115	16.54					210	9.16	Dickie Motherwell, Pahoehoe HI
	40.38	Danny Xi, Shanghai China	117	16.02	210	9.16	Dickie Motherwell, Pahoehoe HI	211	9.14	Janis Rodden, Honolulu HI	
36	39.55	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI	120	15.67	212	8.77	Roberta Gustad, Honolulu HI	212	8.77	Iris Chung, Honolulu HI	
37	39.38	Arun Savara, Honolulu HI	121	15.22			8.77	Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI			
38	39.23	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	121	15.22				218	8.40	Molly Harris, Portland OR	
39	39.17	Jack Patnode, Kula HI		15.22				220	8.20	Cheryl Glaza, Kaneohe HI	
40	37.57	Susan Stubinski, Houston TX		15.22				225	8.04	Judith Curry, Kailua HI	
	37.57	Bruce Wick, Houston TX	132	14.62				8.04	Blair Curry, Kailua HI		
	37.57	Bruce Wick, Houston TX	133	14.38							
42	36.86	Rich Williams, San Carlos CA	135	13.90							
	36.86	Jody Williams, San Carlos CA	136	13.78							
44	36.00	Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI	137	13.64							
45	35.45	Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA		13.64							

## ‘Spread da aloha’: Honolulu unit prepares for Fall NABC

The spirit of aloha is alive and well in District 20 as preparations proceed for the 2018 Fall NABC in Honolulu.

Tournament organizers have encouraged local players and business to “spread da aloha” by volunteering their services or donating merchandise so that we can share the very best of our unique island hospitality during the Fall NABC.

This year’s event will be held at the magical Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki, where a refreshing mai tai or short swim at the beach are only a few minutes away from the bridge table (between sessions of course).

The tournament will add to the island flavor by featuring special days celebrating our neighbor islands of Maui, Kauai and Hawaii (the Big Island).

“Fundraising is off to an excellent start,” says tournament chair Muriel Stitt. Already the local organizing committee has raised nearly \$8,000 by holding Sunday Unit Game raffles, selling single-event sponsorships during the January Hawaii Regional in Honolulu, and conducting an online silent auction during the regional. The silent auction was supported by donations of gift certificates, jewelry, aloha shirts, handmade crafts, designer handbags and much more from local players and businesses.

Several local experts, including former Hawaii NABC chair and local favorite Tom Lum, auctioned off single-session partnerships or group teaching sessions. Auction

items were put on display outside the playing area before each evening session, and all bidding occurred through an online auction site prepared just for the regional. Players scrambled during the final evening session to get their bids in before the 11 p.m. deadline.

Local organizers are paying special attention to intermediate and novice players. I/N coordinator Busaba Williams will extend her successful efforts to reach new players that started at the January 2018 Honolulu Regional and will continue through the year leading up to the NABC.

At the regional she held free lunch-and-lecture sessions that increased I/N table counts from previous years, with 40 players attending each day. Later this year she will hold a mentor/mentee Swiss teams.

“I plan to get them excited about the NABC,” says Williams about her I/N players. For the NABC itself, she hopes to hold similar events and even host a breakfast and cocktail party for the I/N players.

Additional fundraising for the NABC will include named single-event sponsorships, day sponsorships, and a title sponsorship. There are still slots remaining to name a single-session event after a beloved player in your unit or a dear family member. Day and title sponsorships offer opportunities for businesses to get their names and product samples “out there” among NABC attendees.

For all inquiries related to the 2018 Fall NABC, contact tournament chair Stitt at [bridgewithaloha@gmail.com](mailto:bridgewithaloha@gmail.com).

Aloha, and see you at the Honolulu NABC!



### District 20 Seeks

## New Co-Tournament Manager

The D20 Co-Tournament Manager is responsible for running two 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](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 two 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 June 1 to:  
**Marie Ashton**  
 6512 SW Midmar Pl.  
 Portland, OR 97223  
 Phone: 503-244-5733  
 Email: [marieashton@comcast.net](mailto:marieashton@comcast.net)

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

*Candidates must reside in D20.*

## Beauchet: Lead-directing bids help

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bidding proceeds, it should become clear whether it reflects full opening values.

**Double of artificial bids.** When you double a conventional bid, it usually means you would like that suit to be led. The most common example is to double Stayman for a club lead, but the same rule applies over transfers, fourth-suit forcing and new minor forcing bids, cuebids, splinters and responses to Blackwood. Be careful with doubles of two-level bids. You need to make sure the opponents don’t redouble and make their contract (with overtricks).

**Lead-directing raises.** When your partner opens a weak two and RHO doubles, you

can bid a new suit that says, “Partner, please lead this if they get the contract.” But it’s also a raise in partner’s suit. So if LHO passes after your lead-directing bid, your partner should rebid his preemptive suit. Your lead-directing suit might be a void!

**Double of 3NT** when not on lead. By partnership agreement, this usually says, “I think I can defeat the contract if you lead dummy’s first-bid suit.”

Be sure to discuss with your partner how you treat overcalls and preempts, and your strategy for lead-directing bids, so that you’re both on the same page.

*Louis Beauchet, 17, is a Silver Life Master.*

# AROUND THE UNITS

## Caldwell's first couple keeps the games going



### Nampa/ Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

Taking up where I left off in my last Trumpet article, I would like to continue highlighting volunteerism in the Nampa/Caldwell Bridge Club.

Elected president in 2015, **Anita Hansen** has very enthusiastically continued to carry the torch, ably assisted by her husband, **Erik**, as vice president. Anita and Erik always arrive at the bridge club early on Mondays, preparing the coffee and the refreshment table, assisting in setting up the bridge tables, bidding boxes, etc., in preparation for the arrival of the rest of us by 12:30 p.m. And, of course, they do all those things in reverse at the end of play. Their unfailing cheerful and friendly man-



Anita and Erik Hansen

ner to everyone, makes for a wonderful atmosphere to begin the battle of the cards.

I would like to congratulate Anita and Erik for having been married 41 years – to each other! They enjoy doing many things together, but the top of their list is spending time with family, especially their three grandsons.

In other information shared with me by Anita, she relates that Erik grew up play-

ing bridge as his father, John, was an avid duplicate player who taught virtually the entire Black Canyon community the game of bridge. Black Canyon is the Caldwell community where Anita and Erik still live, on the farm, with a swimming pool in the backyard. Do you suppose those grandsons have anything to do with Grandma Anita and Grandpa Erik having a pool? Anita was a stay-at-home mom when her kids were small, could always be counted on as a fourth in bridge, and quickly grasped the game. After five years of duplicate, they took a 23-year hiatus to raise three children, and finally made it back to the bridge table in 2012.

Erik and Anita currently play every Monday at noon in the Nampa/Caldwell Bridge Club, and every Wednesday night at the Ontario (OR) Bridge Club. They attend all the local sectionals and regionals, and travel to many other tournaments in the Northwest.



### Redding



By Joan Sullens

[www.bridgescore.com/redding](http://www.bridgescore.com/redding)

## A volunteer like every club needs

Our newest Life Master is **Jerry Clark**. New to bridge in 2011, Jerry juggled work and home with learning to play bridge.

Not easy, but he was determined. He won his final gold in a team game in October. All along the way, Jerry has been the volunteer every club hopes for. He's set up our tables, assisted in our sectionals, now running them, and moves tables between storage and our unit games at a church. Whatever needs doing, he'll see it gets done.

Our only 70% game this quarter was scored by **Judy Hotchkin** and **Carole Schmitz** at Bridge Werks.

Dates to remember: Awards banquet is March 11. Our spring sectional will be April 13-15.

### Results

**STaC Monday**, Dec. 4, Redding – N/S 1A: Jim Norton – Dolores Mackey; 2A: Florence Hungerford – Judy Hotchkin; 3A: Marilyn Avey – Terry Dell. E/W 1A: July Ratley – Bob Wierman; 2A: Bill Kurz – Barbara Hopson; 3A: Gail Lonnberg – Carol Nelson. Restricted, 1D: Carolyn Chandler – Sharon Dent; 2D: Ron Linebarger – Ron Ramsey.

**STaC Wednesday**, Dec. 6, Bridge Werks – 1: Florence Hungerford – Ken Murray; 2: Ron Linebarger – Bill Kurz; 3: Jeanne Carpenter – Jerry Anderson.

**STaC Thursday**, Dec. 7, Redding – N/S 1A: Dorothy Hoots – Sue McKown; 2A: Terry Dell – Marilyn Avey; 3A: Ken Murray – Bud Hamilton; E/W 1A: George Clarke – Michael Hollins; 2A: Gene Biek – Carol Nelson; 3A: Jim – Carol Reed.

**STaC Friday**, Dec. 8, Bridge Werks – N/S 1A: Florence Hungerford – Ken Murray; 2-3A: Kelly Gutierrez – Don Jacobs, Jim Norton – Joan Sullens; E/W 1A: Judy Hotchkin – July Ratley; 2A: Carole Schmitz – Marvin Grudem; 3A: Bill Kurz – Barbara Hopson.



Jerry Clark



### Boise



By Nancy Feldman

[boisebridge.club](http://boisebridge.club)

## Boise elects board, has free 99er game

We held our unit Christmas party and annual membership meeting at the Wyndham Garden Inn on Dec. 3. New board members are **Cheryl Maderazo**, **Janet Matthews** and **Don Robinson**. They join president **Leslie Muir**, treasurer **Gene Gerard** and secretary **Phil Emerson** to conduct the business of the unit.

The Bridge Cooperative held its Christmas party Dec. 10. See results of both holiday games below.

The unit board in continuing the effort to improve participation, particularly by the newer members, sponsored a free unit game on the day of the Super Bowl. Of the 235 or so members in the unit, 117 have less than 100 masterpoints. We would all like to see the newer players come out and play regularly.

### Results

**Unit Holiday Game**, Dec. 3 — 1A: John Cissel – Craig Jones, 1B: Laverne Young – Carol Holmes, 1C: Julia Christensen – David McLeod. **199ers** — 1D: Linda Anderson – Pete Peterson.

**Club Holiday Party**, Dec. 10 — 1A: Charlene Martindale – Craig Jones, 1B/C: Patty Duke – Betty Glassen. **199ers** — 1D: Barbara Chattin – Kelly Warner.

## Ontario honors tech leaders



### Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

We are in the middle of a leisurely cold season and it's the perfect time for bridge. So far, our winter has behaved itself and most of our senior members had no trouble getting to play.

On Dec. 6, we had a party to honor **Kris Roberts** and **Joyce Whittet**. Both received flowers and a gift certificate for their successful attempt to kick us into the 21st century. Since the mid-'90s these two women taught us how to use the computer in our games — how to record results and eventually do all our business with ACBL via email and the Internet. They richly deserve our thanks.



Joyce Whittet and Kris Roberts

Also in early December, our members attended the Caldwell (ID) bridge club for their Christmas celebration, and some of their members came to ours in Ontario. It was quite a festive occasion and the food was outstanding.

We always vote for new officers during the Ontario Christmas party. **Lorinda Pearson** is our new president.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of one of our retired members, **Mary Anne DePauw**, at the age of 94.

## Chico club, new owner form growth plan



### Chico/ Yuba City



By Rick Shipley

One of the unit's formidable players, **Sherri Faroky**, reached Life Master status.

The Yuba City club happily welcomed back our seasonal French connection, **Michel Leduc**, who resides near Montreal. We look forward to the return of **Lois** and **Don Hay** from a short absence and welcome **Jan Kerr** to our local bridge family.

Also, the Chico club was recently sold to **Gale Alvistur**, who is happy to report that play went on without a hitch.

The Bidwell club in Chico has advanced a comprehensive plan to attract those many card players with a rudimentary understanding of duplicate bridge. Novices and beginners are invited to come at 9 a.m. on Mondays for a multi-board learning opportunity. The rules are doled out gently, a sequential form of learning the ropes.

The success has been measured by the colossal interest many newer players have in this format. This game has 18 to 20 boards with mentors helping out all the way. Masterpoints are awarded. Then on both Tuesday and Friday, lessons are given for 30-45 minutes before regular games by club mentors, and a specific lesson from **Mark Bloom** at the Friday pre-game.

### ICYMI

Yuba City Club celebrated four October birthdays, including **Pat Pommerenck's** 90th. The present was gifted back to the players when Pat supplied lunch and free play for all. The other honorees were **Patti Damron**, **Johnnie Houser** and **Lyn Clark**. See the winter issue for a photo of them.

Locals did well in the October Nevada Gold Country Sectional, with **Garth Gregory** coming in third with more than 20 points. Other top point getters were **Don Johnson**, **Sherri Faroky** and **Alan Ludwig**.

The Chico club had a good showing at the Redding Fall Sundial Sectional in November, with top point winners including **Mark Bloom** (first place), **Garth Gregory**, **Carol Huston**, and the Swiss team of Bloom, Huston, White and Schmitz taking 3A/1B among 16 tables.

**Big games** included 71.4% by **Doug Jacobs** and **Carl Oeser**, 74.5% by **Mark Bloom** and **Garth Gregory**, 73% by **Steve Kaessner** and **Carol Huston**, and 76.2% by **Mark Bloom** and **Carol Huston**.

Year-end stats: As of Jan. 7, top masterpoint winners included **Doug Jacobs**, **Mark Bloom** and **Jack Woodard** of Chico; and **Don Johnson**, **Alan Ludwig** and **Ramon Lopez** of Yuba City.

The holiday party on Dec. 10 saw **Don Johnson** and **Mark Bloom** topping the field.

We are excited about the quickly approaching Chico Almond Blossom Sectional March 16-18 at Eagles Hall in Chico.

District 20 ACBL

### Eugene/ Springfield 299er Sectional

April 13-14, 2018

Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd  
Springfield, Oregon

#### Friday, April 13

10 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)  
3 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)

#### Saturday, April 14

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

\$9 Per Player Per Session (\$13 Unpaid/Non-ACBL Members)

#### Second-annual 299er tournament!

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

Information: Visit our website at [emeraldbridgeclub.net](http://emeraldbridgeclub.net) or contact Ellen McCumsey at [generosity1@live.com](mailto:generosity1@live.com) or Judy Nevell at [nevelljb@comcast.net](mailto:nevelljb@comcast.net)

# AROUND THE UNITS

## Earlier afternoon start at Medford sectional

How could it be better in the Rogue Valley in late March with its blue skies, spring blossoms and fresh, clean air? Add three days of dynamite bridge, that's how.

The Rogue Valley Spring Sectional is set for March 23-25 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix, Ore., just south of Medford at 4149 S. Pacific Highway.

First sessions each day will begin at 10 a.m., but afternoon sessions have been moved to an earlier start time, to 2:30 p.m. "It still allows plenty of time for lunch, but gets us out the door a half hour earlier," said Don Walker, president of Unit 484.

On Friday, March 23, there will be single sessions for 299er pairs and stratified open pairs. Saturday's sessions are play-through, but single sessions are available. The Sunday Swiss Teams will be stratified by masterpoints with lunch available on site.

Games for 299ers are subject to attendance.

Kathleen Moore is chair and Jeff Jacob will be the tournament director. For partnerships and to fill out a team, contact Gee Gee Walker at 541-292-3474 or by email at [ggwalker@gmail.com](mailto:ggwalker@gmail.com).

A bridge rate of \$75 for accommodations (plus tax) is available at America's Best Inns & Suites, just across I-5 from the bridge center. Just call 541-535-4445 and ask for the \$75 bridge rate. RV parking and hookups are also available.

### Don Walker leads unit board

Don Walker, a long-time Rogue Valley player who has served on the Unit 484 board in several capacities in the past, was elected president of the unit by the directors at their Dec. 11 meeting.

He is a civil engineer



Don Walker



**Jackson County**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Jim Flint

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who worked in the aerospace industry on the Saturn rocket program and retired as public works director for the city of Medford in 1999. He's an unabashed booster of bridge and quick to volunteer when a job needs doing.

Walker had been appointed in November to finish the term of **Maynard Vitalis**, who resigned.

Other officers include **Kathleen Moore**, vice president; **Michael Pavlik**, treasurer; and **John Cowles**, secretary.

At the unit's annual meeting Dec. 2, **Jill Wolcott**, **Pam Howard** and **Pavlik** were elected to two-year terms on the board of directors.

The board expressed appreciation to Moore for her work as chair of the very successful holiday party and unit game Dec. 2, attended by 88 bridge players, a record turnout in recent history. There were two sections — an open game of 11 tables and a 199er game of 11 tables. (See results below.)

### Unit games set for 2018

There will be four unit games in 2018 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center. The unit provides a free lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by the game at noon. All unit games are one-session events on Saturdays.

The first unit game was held on Feb. 10,

a Grand National Teams all flights qualifier, coordinated by **Pam Howard**.

Other unit games will be held as follows: April 18, a pro-am stratified open pairs game, **Larry Diamant**, coordinator; Aug. 25, a pro-am stratified Swiss teams, coordinated by **Michael Pavlik**; and Dec. 1, the annual holiday pairs open and 199er sections, coordinated by **Don Walker**. Players from nearby clubs in other units are welcome to participate.

In the pro-am events, a pro is defined as a player with 300 or more masterpoints, an am as a player with less than 300.

### Big games

On Nov. 7, it went all their way when **Kemble Yates** and **Molly Tinsley** scored 75% in a three-table game. On Jan. 8, **Robert Scott** and **Gee Gee Walker** topped the field with 71.6%. On Jan. 18, **Judd Robbins** and **Everett Anderson** scored 72.5% in a NLM game. And on Jan. 24, **Robert Scott** and **John Cowles** scored 70.4%.

### Results

**Unit Game**, Dec. 2 (open) — N/S 1A: John Cowles — Bob Valine; 2A: Ed Miller — Molly Tinsley; 3A: Elsa Sanders — Darlene Best; 2B: Ed Goldman — David Bryant; 3B/1C: Donald Tull — Karen Schoessow. E/W 1A: Terry Anshes — Gee Gee Walker; 2A/1B: Donald Walker — Angie Knight; 3A: Jim Flint — Robert Scott; 1C: Kay Bain — Kathleen Moore; 3B: Mark McKechnie — Keith Thorp; 2C: Roger Hutchings — John Hassen. Overall: Cowles — Valine. **199er game** — N/S 1D: Aneis Estrada — Martha Bertlesen; 2D/1E: Pam Parker — Vivian Stubblefield; 3D/2E: Sarah & Robert Moro; 3E: William NewComb — Carol Kato; 1F: Cheryl Cullen — Christine Vitalis; 2F: Jim Shute — David Shute. E/W 1D: Cheryl Bain — Jack Agresti; 2D: Judd Robbins — Everett Anderson; 3D/1E: Julie Perrochet — Don Martin; 2E/1F: Delores & Gordon Wade; 3E/2F: Sheryl Moffat — Joanne Fisher-Flammang.



**Klamath Falls**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Bobby Thompson

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## Still key to wins: Play with Higgs

**Doug Higgs** had a trifecta year winning three trophies, including the summer and fall open pairs plus the high percentage at one of the 12 monthly Sunday events, all with different partners. He played the Summer Open with **Ed McClure**, Fall Open with **Bobby Thompson** and the high percentage game with **Randall Paul**. The Thompson Trophy for the most points won at the 12 Sunday games went to McClure, nosing out his wife Carol by .70 fractionals.

The same threesome that led the third quarter Tuesday-Thursday point parade repeated in the fourth quarter; however, the order was different for the guys Thompson, McClure and Higgs. The NLM group top three included **Dale Taylor**, **Reid Sherwin** and **Jan McClellan**.

Four big games in the final quarter were recorded by Thompson with Dr. McClure, 78.13%; Higgs, 73.96%; **Laila Griffith**, 72.92% and Higgs again with 70%.

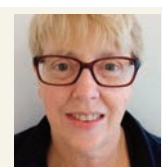
### Results

**Club Championship**, Oct. 12 — 1A: Harvey Bush — Bobby Thompson; 2A: Ed McClure — Reid Sherwin; 3A: Keith Thorp — Doug Higgs; 1B: Tom & Petra Gellner.

**Club Championship**, Oct. 31 — 1A: Peter Vanderhof — Bobby Thompson; 2A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 3A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 1B: Keith Thorp — Judy Shelton; 2B/1C: Petra Gellner — Jo Ann Siebecke; 2-3C: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust; 2-3C: Rosemary & Jim Myers.

**Unit Game/Christmas Party**, Dec. 10 — 1A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson; 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 3A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 1B: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust; 2B: Kathy Kerr — Jan McClellan.

**Unit Game**, Jan. 14 — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 2A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 3-4A: Bobby Thompson — Bud Wakefield; 3-4A/1B: Rosella Wilde — Reid Sherwin; 2-3B: Patti Collom — Jo Ann Siebecke; 2-3B: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust.



**Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club**  
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By Debbie Grasham

## Brookings has 10 new members

We want to welcome all the new players who have joined ACBL after taking our beginners' bridge classes. They are **Kim Krause**, **Barbara Goode**, **Kathy Neuman**, **Steve Prokop**, **Esperanza Jensen**, **Harlyn Wallenten**, **Nancy Patino**, **Judith Shelton**, **Vickie Baggett** and **Sunny Moshier**.

We hope to have a third set of classes in late spring.

**Al Wilson** became a Diamond Life Master, reaching 5000 masterpoints.

**Big games** during this quarter include a 72.9% STaC game by **Pat** and **Susan O'Neill**. **Bill** and **Sandy Waddle** also scored well in STaC game.

We also had a newcomers' game in which **Jewell** and **Laurel Bigelow** had an 83.3% game. They just finished our second set of bridge lessons in October!



Al Wilson

## Bend unit, Cascade club hold elections

What a difference a year makes. Last winter we had record breaking amounts of snow, over 60 inches. This year we had only occasional snow flurries but we had lots of frost and freezing fog. Now spring is about to burst free and it's time to trade scarves and gloves for sun visors and shorts.

Last newsletter I introduced you to **Nelda Linman**, our nominee for ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year. Guess what, folks, she won. ACBL put it this way: "The honorary title shall be presented to the ACBL member who has exhibited unselfish dedication to the causes of good conduct, worthy participation and ethical behavior." That just epitomizes Nelda. She will be honored with a formal presentation at the 2018 Spring NABC in Philadelphia.

Along with the exhilaration of life we must also endure the grief. It is with a sad heart that I must report the loss of one of our most beloved members, **Bea Harder**, who died on Thanksgiving night. She had spent an enjoyable traditional Thanksgiving dinner with family at the home of her daughter, and passed away after returning to her condominium a few blocks away.



**Bend/Redmond**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Dianne Maffia

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It was when her husband Bob died in 2006 that Bea decided to learn to play bridge. She quickly became an avid player who loved to go to tournaments in Portland, Seaside, Las Vegas and Reno. She remained an independent, feisty, charming southern belle until her death at 94.

Elections were held for both Unit 476 and the Cascade Bridge Clubs. Here are the results.

Unit 476: **Lorraine Rodich**, president; **Mark Hickman**, vice president; **Susan Battistella**, secretary; **Chip Cleveland**, treasurer; **Ken Waskom**, publicity and Trumpet; **Diane Maffia**, discipline; and **Lael Cooksley**, membership. Cascade Bridge Club: **Ron Mundt**, president; **Mike Thurlow**, secretary; **Berta Cleveland**, treasurer; **Chip Cleveland**, club manager.

The time is fast approaching for the High Desert Regional at the beautiful

Sunriver Resort May 14-20. There is still time to find accommodations, and if you have ever shared a house with five or six good friends at a tournament, you know how much it adds to the fun.

The weather should be great, so you can get in nine holes of golf or go kayaking in the morning, have a bite of lunch, then get to the playing area in plenty of time for the afternoon session.

We have planned a little something for everybody: KOs, Gold Pairs, 299ers, speakers and mini-lessons. So please join us in May. You will have a ball.

### Results

**Cascade Club Charity Game**, October — 1: Don Crozier — Mark Hickman, 2: Betty & Tom Wightman.

**Unit Championship**, November — 1: Dee Cockfield — Nelda Linman, 2: Don Crozier — Patty Massler.

**Unit Championship**, December — 1: Dee Cockfield — Cindy Larsen, 2: Bill Bergmark — Mike Thurlow.

### Redmond Club

**Unit Championship**, October — 1: Jean Finch — Dianne Maffia, 2: Jim Hurlburt — Mike Thurlow.

**Unit Championship**, November — 1: Jan Hart — Shirley Weissenfluh, 2: Alex Smith — Leslie Weaver.

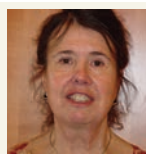
**Unit Championship**, December — 1: Nelda Linman — Rosemary Segall, 2: Patty Massler — Larry Smith.

## Eureka board has plan in works for sectional

We finished out the year with a delayed Christmas Party on Jan. 15 at the Elks Club. We managed to fill 10 tables, which is a good showing for our club.

We were delighted to see **Barbara Madaras** back playing, and newer players **Brad Hammil** and **Lane Keller**. We hope to see more of them in the new year. We all enjoyed the excellent food, drink and socializing which followed the game.

Not surprisingly, **Suzanne Cook**, our resident bridge genius, took the award for



**Eureka**  
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By Frederica Aalto

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total points earned in our sectional. **Sharon Hebert** earned the unit game award. **Alden Sprowles** earned the most points for a non-Life Master, and **Pam Garrett** won the novice award. Congratu-

lations to all, including the also-rans, by which I mean the rest of us. We gave them a good fight!

Our board of directors is working on ways to increase attendance at our sectional the second weekend in September. We have some very attractive incentives for coming and I will let you know about them when they are officially rolled out.

Meanwhile, mark your calendar and stay tuned. I think that you will be enticed!

# AROUND THE UNITS



## Vancouver club fetes four over 90

The Vancouver Bridge Club enjoyed its annual holiday game at the Royal Oaks Country Club. The food, as always, was outstanding; the bridge for this writer not nearly as tasty.

The annual membership meeting was run by President **John Dove**, who announced board election results. Congratulations to **Deborah Lackey, Barbara Pyles, Polly Bullert** and **Mariam Saner**. May you be blessed with short and routine meetings.



Bill Mauk, Maruth Gruver, Bob Turkhiser, Duane Meador

We celebrated those "Still Roaring" 90s with a special game. Honored guests were **Bill Mauk, Maruth Gruver, Bob Turkhiser**, and **Duane Meador**.

We welcomed four new members: **Bill Brown, Linda Medina** (transfer from Texas), **Carolyn Palanuk** and **Ken Nitta**. It's great to have some new faces for our games.

One unique feature we regularly enjoy is the eight is enough game held monthly on Sundays. It's a Swiss team game, with players stratified to ensure equity among the competition. Open to all, we often welcome players from other clubs looking for an alternate to Sunday TV sports shows. Check out our calendar on the Club's website, put a team together, and come on in.

San Diego flames **Cynthia Brogan** and **Polly Bullert** gained a first in C in Fast Pairs on Sunday.

Not to be outdone, the Longview Bridge Club celebrated the holidays in their usual festive fashion, keeping their priorities straight — first the food; then the cards!

### A club by any other name



The home of the Maui Bridge Club in Kihei.

The name of the building where the Maui Bridge Club meets was confusing to one visitor. Does the "and" imply that bridge is *not* an intellectual game? Hardly. This is an inclusive "and," much like the one in the name of Oklahoma's Fun and Games Bridge Club. You wouldn't think the games they play there must not be fun. It's understood the two go together.

## Four retire from unit, district positions

Clubs in the Portland area offered many opportunities to party and play bridge during the holiday season.

The Ace had a December Christmas party, a New Year's Eve potluck and a New Year's Day spaghetti bowl.

The Portland Bridge Club hosted a Thanksgiving feast, a New Year's Eve pizza party and a New Year's Day brunch. The food and games were enjoyed by all.

As 2018 arrived, I realized that my tenure on the Unit 487 board was nearing its end. The experience has brought new friendships, a broader knowledge of the bridge world and the opportunity to give back to the game that I love. I started thinking about the amazing women from our Unit 487 who have recently retired or are retiring from bridge-related positions. After composing some questions about motivations, struggles, accomplishments and lessons learned, I contacted four women who I felt deserved to be acknowledged here.

**Nancy Jonske** has been on the Portland unit board for six years, mostly as president. In Nancy's words, "My teachers and mentors in Portland inspired me and I wanted to promote bridge through educational opportunities for new players. The unit now sponsors a program for middle school students at Catlin Gabel. It is exciting to see 12- to 14-year-olds bid and play hands. Creating the curriculum to teach a short five-minute mini-lesson and having hands/boards ready for students to play in a brief class period was challenging. We now have an introductory series of 12 short lessons and a basic reference packet.

"As president of Unit 487, I am proud that our unit website now has an online player directory and that our sectionals in Portland are intense social events, with snacks and friendly conversations, in addition to providing the opportunity for players to earn silver points," she said.

**Judy Davis** was the tournament manager for District 20 from 2015 to 2017.

"When the TM job became available, I saw it as a perfect match with my organi-



zational and planning skills," Judy said.

"I am a self-starter and transitioning into the job was very easy for me. Managing tournaments is not difficult, but very time consuming as the details are endless. But, for a detail-oriented person, it was a dream come true. I coordinated with directors, the ACBL, hotel staff, volunteers, caddy-masters, D20 business manager, D20 contract negotiator, among others.

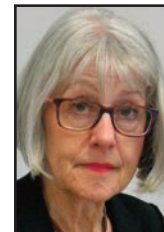
"The hardest part of the job was not being able to please everyone. But I am proud of trying and doing my best. I am very appreciative to all of you who acknowledged my hard work and efforts. I truly loved the job."

**Martha Maroney** served as OBTY editor for three years, starting in 2014.

"I had help from **Bill Hardy** (for tournament results), **Staci Christian** (for the Ace of Clubs page), **Alan Johnson** (for the back-page tournament flyer), and **Sam Jones**, who supplemented my amateur photography with his professional version of same," Martha said.

"Otherwise, the publication was my baby. I researched, wrote and formatted everything else. What led me to volunteer for the position was my background as a writer and copy editor serving business and technology clients for more than 30 years. My goals were simple: to do my best work on every issue and provide readers an informative, entertaining and professionally produced publication.

"The job was as much fun as it was work, with one exception: creating the first draft of the player profile, the content that



generates the most interest from readers. But what a reward: in writing the profiles I got to know many of the fascinating people who play this game; took pride in doing justice to their funny, poignant and often unusual stories; and enjoyed the satisfaction of sharing those stories with my fellow bridge players."

**Molly Harris** was elected to the Unit 487 board in 2004 and served as treasurer. In 2009, she was asked to serve as the unit representative on the District 20 board. Molly served as District 20 president in 2013 and 2014 and stayed on the district board until the completion of her three-year term ending in February 2016, and remained on the district finance committee through February 2017. Molly talks about being District 20 president.

"I was president from February 2013 until February 2015. **Sue Kroning** and I had finished revising the district bylaws and getting them passed in 2012, so I suppose that I wanted to see how feasible it was to implement them," Molly said.

"One goal that I did not achieve was to grow the ACBL membership significantly during the period. ACBL seems to be more focused on marketing now. However, we could still use additional emphasis on education, especially at the introductory level, and the recognition that beginning bridge classes are our best way to grow our membership.

"The hardest thing I had to do was to enforce a new method of meeting. I required that each person who was presenting information had to submit a written report two weeks ahead of the meeting. While not everyone did this, there was enough compliance to significantly expedite the meetings, while improving their information content. The most fun thing I ever did for bridge was selling lunch for a dollar (usually make-your-own turkey sandwiches) every week to promote a combined 99er and open game that **Irene Pickett** directed at the Ace of Clubs in the early days of this century."



## I/N regional nears; new start times at sect'l

The popular spring Seaside sectional will take place as usual April 20-22 with all the same open events (stratified pairs on Friday and Saturday, stratified open Swiss teams on Sunday) for silver points. In addition, and held concurrently, will be a 0-750 NLM intermediate/newcomer regional so all players with 0-750 masterpoints who are not Life Masters can play in Gold Rush Pairs and Gold Rush Swiss teams, paying gold and red points, same dates, same times, same place. And for those I/N players who prefer single session events, there are 299er pairs paying red points.

### Tournament's new times

Speaking of times, the Seaside Sectional combined Golden Clam I/N Regional events will take place at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, convenient new times to allow some out of town players to make day trips there and back in daylight. Sunday is still at 10 a.m. and TBA so you are out by 6 p.m. So, head for the beach for silver, red and gold point opportunities,



walks on the prom, yummy seafood with friends and sunny spring days.

### Mother/daughters

We have four mother/daughter pairs playing in our unit. They are **Marion** and **Mary Blake** (she's 99), **Veronica Williams** and her daughter **Diane, Sally** and **Jane Mannex**, and **Irene Harowitz** and **Sharon Crapko**. By the time this is published, Irene should have made Ruby Life Master, and Sharon is notable for winning over 200 masterpoints in 2017, all earned in games within the unit boundaries.

### Member news

Our unit has shrunk during the last year. Although she was not a member, **Dorothy Niebuhr**, who passed away re-

cently, was a regular and popular player. We were sorry to lose **Don** and **Sandra Sandel**, who learned bridge here and loved it but who returned to live in Michigan, and **Irmin Roberts, Jim Hanratty** and **Bob Connor** who have also moved away.

The Christmas party at the Astoria Golf and Country Club was a splendid affair and enjoyed by both the open section players and the 299ers. The annual general meeting and dinner followed and **Sharon Crapko** was newly elected to the unit board. It was also a big game for winners **Jon** and **Barbara Gustafson**, who scored 74.7%. (See additional results below.)

We thank **Rick Gardner** for the good work he has done as treasurer.

Check out our great web site run by webmaster **Jon Gustafson** at [bridgewebs.com/oregonseasideunit491](http://bridgewebs.com/oregonseasideunit491).

### Results

**Christmas party** — N/S 1: Jon & Barbara Gustafson; E/W 1: Robert & Virginia Zimmerman. 299ers 1: Tom & Linda Schaeffer, 2: Jane Mannex — Nancy Hornshuh.

Four units are currently without a unit reporter. Volunteer to write a unit report!

**Mid-Columbia**  
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**Central Oregon Coast**  
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**Grants Pass**  
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**Nevada County**  
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# AROUND THE UNITS

## Corvallis 299er sectional grows, gets name



The Heart of the Valley Bridge Center was packed for the 299er sectional in November. At 45.5 tables, it was the largest the tournament has been.



### Albany/ Corvallis

By Kathi Downing

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From all reports, everyone was a winner at Unit 477's 299er tournament at Heart of the Valley Bridge Center in November. Not only were there more players than at last year's tournament, but it was a financial success for the unit. In the course of the two-day event, there were 45.5 tables, with 299er players from all over the Willamette Valley and coast in attendance.

Feeding the crowd was a big job. Thanks to the efforts of food chairman **Catherine Van Fleet**, ably assisted by **Jackie Grattan** and **Janie Peery** (and donations from members of the Corvallis-Albany Bridge Club), everyone went away happy and with full stomachs.

Door prizes helped make the event even more festive. **Elaine Cull** with the help of **Janie Peery** made sure that the prizes

were plentiful and desirable: lots of wine, beer and gift certificates.

The tournament wouldn't have happened without the behind-the-scenes volunteers. **Walter Dobek** organized the job of set-up and clean-up. Partnerships were handled by **Eleanor Carlson**. **Gayle Peterson** took care of the marketing. Many of the other 299ers also pitched in.

Overseeing the whole operation for the second year was **Kathleen Petrucela**. Her hard work and organizational skills helped make the tournament a success.

But it wasn't all eating, drinking and socializing. Some bridge was played as well. The Eugene/Springfield players came out on top in all three categories: Saturday morning pairs, **Carol Schaasfma** and **Anne Bogart**; Saturday afternoon pairs, **Dottie Haxton** and **Jerry Hughes**; Sunday Swiss, **Betty Ovitt**, **Joyce Spence**, **Deb Dotters** and **Vern Katz**.

### 100th birthday



The Albany Bridge Club celebrated Evelyn Wick's 100th birthday a week early on Jan. 8. Evelyn was born Jan. 15, 1918. She still plays frequently with her daughter, Jean Christenson, or son-in-law Darrell Christenson.

This popular annual tournament was the brainchild of **Bob Peery**, who initiated it in 2009 as a way for novice bridge players to earn silver points in a relaxed tournament setting. He served as tournament director in the first years before turning over the directorial duties to teacher/mentor **Eileen Milligan** in 2016. He has continued to volunteer many hours for the event to help the games run smoothly.

In recognition of his contributions in promoting the game of bridge and supporting newer players, the unit board recently voted to name the event the **Bob Peery 299er Tournament**.



Bob Peery

## No board changes; couples find success

Do you remember that old gag where everybody is lined up, someone asks for a volunteer to step forward, and everybody in line (except for one unobservant fellow) takes a step backwards? I think that sums up rather nicely how I inherited the Unit 490 Trumpet reporter duties from **Tom McGuire**, who did a fantastic job for so many years. Thanks for your service, Tom. If I can do the job half as well as you did, it'll be a roaring success.

### Comings and goings

Sadly, my first note is on the passing of two of our favorite players. **Clo Barbour**, a Regional Master and a previous winner of the Salem Bridge Club's annual Sportsmanship Award, died on Nov. 14 at age 80. From the Oak Valley Bridge Club in McMinnville, **Lee Hanson**, a Gold Life Master who was still playing regularly up until her last couple of weeks, died on Nov. 27 at the age of 99. Both will be greatly missed by their respective clubs.

On a brighter note, the unit welcomes new members **Floyd Howsden**, **John Bush** and **Pamela Jackson**, all from Amity, and **Dennis Palanuk** from Keizer. We also greet **Nancy Lacktman**, who transferred in from Florida, and **Courtney Percy**, who came to us from Wyoming.

### Special thanks

The unit held its annual meeting and election on Dec. 10. At this meeting, **Anita Walker** was announced as the winner of the 2017 SBC Sportsmanship award.

All members of the board (president **Shain Oleson**, VP **Day Westine**, secretary/treasurer **Judy Lathrop**, **Diane French**, **Marion Hull**, **Loren Meyer**, **Laurie Naemura**, and **Don Pitt**) agreed to return for another year of service.



### Salem

By Kevin Kacmarynski

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The same occurred at SBC's annual meeting on Dec. 15, with president **Paul Graham**, VP **Zina Galaka**, secretary **David Astle**, treasurer **Anita Walker**, **Jean McKinney**, **Joan Page** and **Susan Palmer** all returning.

Serving the members of OVBC are president **Marion Hull**, VP **Barbara Nelson**, treasurer **Hans Schoutren**, and **Randy Naef**, all elected last May. We thank these individuals for the time they spend behind the scenes for the betterment of the unit and its member clubs.

### Tournament tales

It was a quiet couple of months for most of us as the end of tournament season came upon us. All was not lost, however, as the unit put forth one final hurrah at the Heart of the Valley I/N tournament in early November. **Necia Hasbrook**, **Don Pitt**, **Diane French** and **Terry Hart**, all from Salem, got a 1-2A finish in the Sunday Swiss game. The husband-wife pair of **Jean-Pierre** and **Elisabeth Perchellet**, also of Salem, teamed with **Jackie Grattan** and **Catherine Van Fleet** of Corvallis to finish 1B/1C in the same event.

Speaking of husband-wife pairings, the Salem Bridge Club game on Nov. 18 showed once again that it is indeed possible to have good bridge results with someone to whom you happen to be married. In fact, the top four spots in that game went to married couples (**Dick Pitzer** and **Ellie Hall-Pitzer**, **Jeff** and **Christy Wiegel**,

**Jeanne** and **Ross Hibler**, and **Jerry** and **Roseanna Gordon**. Ah, marital bliss!

Jerry also provided the unit's first tournament triumph of 2018 with a win in the Carmel Gold Rush Pairs at the Monterey (CA) Regional.

**Shain Oleson** completed his capture of the 2017 Kathryn Lewis award, given to the player who wins the most masterpoints at unit games during the year, by scoring 70.2% with **Jerry Gordon** at the last unit game of 2017. Shain's total of 31.15 edged out Tom McGuire's 27.68 masterpoints. This is Shain's fourth time of winning the award, having also captured it in 2009, 2011 and 2013. **Dick Pitzer** is out to the early lead in the 2018 race after two games.

### Promotions

The following individuals have ACBL rank increases: **Susan Jackson**, **Richard North**, **Jim Boylan** and **Carolyn Orr**, Junior Masters; **Shirley Layne** and **Margrit Angeloni**, Club Masters; and Sectional Master **Jean-Pierre Perchellet**.

### Results

**Unit Game**, Nov. 12 — 1A: David & Kathy Astle, 2A: Jim & Gayle Gross, 3A: Shirley Scofield — Miriam Brand.  
**Unit Game**, Nov. 15 — 1A/1B: Ellie Hall-Pitzer — John Peterson, 2A: Brian Breckenridge — Irva Neyhart, 3A: Tom McGuire — Randy Jordan.  
**Unit Game**, Dec. 10 — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan, 2A/2B: Tom McGuire — Norma Stofiel, 3A: Susan Palmer — Bill Anning.  
**Unit Game**, Dec. 20 — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson — Jerry Gordon, 2A/2B: Don Pitt — Glenda Fleming, 3A: Tom McGuire — Randy Jordan.  
**Unit Game**, Jan. 7 — 1A/1B: Randy Naef — Mike Green, 2A: Zina Galaka — Dick Pitzer, 3A/2B: Tom McGuire — Norma Stofiel.  
**Unit Game**, Jan. 17 — 1A: Jim Gross — Dick Pitzer, 2A/1B: Shain Oleson — Jerry Gordon, 3A/2B: Tom McGuire — Randy Jordan.



### Eugene/ Springfield

By John Lean

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## New 99er game starts strong

Congratulations to **Judy Nevell** on being nominated to serve on ACBL's Goodwill Committee. There could be no more worthy recipient of this honor than Judy. She has for many years worked tirelessly in numerous positions within our local bridge community.

She serves as the director for the unit games, is on the unit board of directors, and for a couple of years has served as tournament coordinator. We cannot say thanks enough.

Congratulations are also in order for our newest Life Master, Dr. **Wendy Saville**. Some of us were quite surprised to hear this news as we assumed she had long ago achieved this ranking based on her level of play at the table.

Regrettably Emerald Bridge Club had to cancel the Real Time Bridge session with **Irva Kay Neyhart** and **Roger McNay**, but we certainly thank them for their willingness to participate. Hopefully this can be rescheduled.

**Ralph Zack** deserves a special acknowledgment for all the work he has put into getting the Friday morning 99er game going. It has turned into a very decent six-table game with expectation of even greater table count to come.

A one-hour lesson follows the game. It has filled a void by providing a chance for improving players to consolidate their skills before venturing into the open game. We encourage all those who might be eligible to consider participating. The group is off-the-chart friendly and very welcoming to new players.

Once again **Irva Kay** has won the 3500-5000 category in the national Ace of Clubs race with 495.07 masterpoints. She was also fifth in the national Mini-McKenney race (in addition to winning both races at the district level) and placed 104th in the Barry Crane Top 500 race with 922.96. Technically Irva claims Corvallis as her home, but we feel we have contributed (gladly, of course) enough points to her total that we can make some claim to her.

The annual Unit Election Party at Shadow Hills was a successful event, much due to the efforts of **Betsy Ovitt**.

## Ask John

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with neither the knowledge of the opponents agreed methods nor their take on the progress of the auction.

If we discount any possible bias in your description, bidding 4♥ would appear to be an infraction because it might have, unwittingly, we hope, been the product of partner's reactions earlier in the auction.

The director should try to explain to both opponents that their obligation is to imagine that they are in a 1950s "isolation booth" and extraneous information not included in the auction is unauthorized to them. Note that if South had comfortably bid in tempo, the laws do not prevent North from bidding 4♥ to take out insurance that partner did not forget that transfers were still applicable.

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







# Ask John

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

Dlr: East ♠Q  
 Vul: N/S ♥K Q 8  
 ♦A J 4 2  
 ♣Q J 8 5 2

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

♠K 8 7 5  
 ♥A 5 3  
 ♦K Q 5  
 ♣K 7 6

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	?		

(1) Hearts and spades

Dear John,

How do you like to handle two-suited interference over 1NT? Sitting North, I had one suit stopped but not the other. I thought a minor suit slam might be possible, so I bid a natural 3♣. Assuming one doesn't pass or double the 2♥ call, how could the auction proceed? If we play negative doubles and the overcall shows two suits, should a double be takeout for the other two suits?

— Tired of the Two-Headed Monster

Dear Dragon Slayer,

I strongly believe that the penalty double is a sharp, effective and sadly under-utilized arrow in a partnership's quiver when an opponent chooses to disrupt a 1NT auction.

If a game is not possible — and bad breaks can scuttle some seemingly secure contracts — plus 200 or 300 are likely to claim most of the matchpoints.

On the example hand, the opponents are known to have eight spades, so 3♣ seems like the obvious choice. With sterile distribution and tepid club support, South will bid 3NT and make five when partner produces a fine spade holding and the ♣A resides in the desired hand. With the ♣A instead of the king and a fourth club, South might choose to bid 3♥, a cuebid to show a great hand for clubs.

In general, a double should "show cards" and tell partner that the opposition has a significant deficiency in high cards. In most of my partnerships, we are then forced to the three level unless one of us has strong and/or long enough trumps to announce a desire to defend. The old bridge adage of "double and lead a trump" often offers good advice.

♣♦♥♦♠♣♦♥♦♠

West	North	East	South
2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	2NT	Pass	3♥ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>(4)</sup>	All Pass	

1. Precision, either 5-4 with clubs and a major, or six clubs.
2. Announced as a transfer.
3. Break in tempo.
4. Not a logical alternative.

Dear John,

The above auction occurred recently at the local club. The 2NT overcall was alerted by South. East-West did not inquire. North did well to ignore the alert and accept the transfer, however South hitched a bit when the transfer was announced and was obviously uncomfortable bidding 3NT. North now fell from grace with the 4♥ bid. I was less concerned with the outcome as I was interested in the ruling and the explanation. What were the infractions? What can the directors do to explain the players' responsibilities?

— Why Me?

Dear Because the Opponents Love You,  
 It is hard to address your questions

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# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

## DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

### MARCH 2018

16 - 18	Chico Sectional	Eagles Hall, Chico CA
16 - 18	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Linn County Fair/Expo, Albany OR
23 - 25	Ontario Sectional	Four Rivers Cultural Center, Ontario OR
23 - 25	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

### APRIL 2018

13 - 15	Redding Spring Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
13 - 14	Eugene I/N Sectional	Emerald Bridge Club, Springfield OR
14 - 15	Vancouver Spring Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
20 - 22	Seaside Sectional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
20 - 22	<b>Golden Clam I/N Regional</b>	<b>Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR</b>
28 - 29	Grand National Teams - Open & B	Online at various locations

### MAY 2018

5 - 6	Grand National Teams - A & C	Online at various locations
7 - 13	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
May 14 - 20	<b>HIGH DESERT REGIONAL</b>	<b>Sunriver Resort, Sunriver OR</b>
18 - 20	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

### JUNE 2018

1 - 3	Eugene Sectional	Morse Event Center, Eugene OR
7 - 8	Unit 487 STaC	Local clubs
9 - 10	Portland Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
29 - 1	Salem Sectional	Keizer/Salem Area Seniors, Keizer OR

### JULY 2018

13 - 15	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
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### AUGUST 2018

Aug 6 - 12	<b>GREAT POTATO REGIONAL</b>	<b>Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID</b>
17 - 19	Vancouver Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
20 - 26	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs

### SEPTEMBER 2018

7 - 9	Portland Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
14 - 16	Boise Harvest Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
14 - 16	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
14 - 16	Rogue Valley Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

### OCTOBER 2018

Oct 1 - 7	<b>OREGON COAST REGIONAL</b>	<b>Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR</b>
12 - 14	Gold Country Sectional	St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
20 - 21	Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
25 - 28	Central Oregon Coast Sectional	Shilo Inn, Newport OR

### NOVEMBER 2018

2 - 4	Redding Fall Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
10 - 11	Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional	Heart of the Valley Bridge Club, Corvallis OR
10 - 11	Vancouver Fall Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
16 - 18	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

### DECEMBER 2018

3 - 9	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
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## TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

### DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

April 2-8	<b>Vancouver Regional</b> , Burnaby BC
April 21-22	Sequim Sectional WA
April 27-29	Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
May 3-6	Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
May 25-28	Seattle Sectional, Bothell WA
June 11-17	<b>Penticton Regional BC</b>
June 18-24	<b>Anchorage Regional AK</b>
Aug. 20-26	<b>Puget Sound Regional</b> , Lynnwood WA

### DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

April 9-15	<b>Modesto Regional CA</b>
April 18-22	Reno Sectional, Sparks NV
April 28-29	Walnut Creek Sectional CA
May 4-6	Sacramento Sectional, Orangevale CA
May 28-June 3	<b>Sacramento Regional CA</b>
June 23-24	Oakland Sectional CA
June 27-July 1	Palo Alto Sectional, Mountain View CA
Aug. 28-Sept. 3	<b>All-Western Regional</b> , Santa Clara CA
Oct. 15-21	<b>Reno Regional</b> , Sparks NV

### DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

April 6-8	Pocatello I/N Sectional ID
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April 16-22	<b>Jackpot Regional NV</b>
May 14-20	<b>Moose Jaw Regional SK</b>
June 8-10	Bozeman Sectional MT
June 22-24	Salt Lake City Sectional UT
July 16-22	<b>Calgary Regional AB</b>
Aug. 16-19	Idaho Falls Sectional ID
Sept. 24-30	<b>Missoula Regional MT</b>

### DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

April 27-29	<b>Scottsdale I/N Regional AZ</b>
April 30-May 4	Las Vegas Sectional NV
May 4-6	Santa Fe Sectional NM
May 22-28	<b>Denver Regional CO</b>
June 8-10	Albuquerque Sectional NM
Aug. 13-19	<b>Phoenix Regional</b> , Scottsdale AZ
Oct. 8-14	Colorado Springs Regional CO

### DISTRICT 22: acbl.district22.com/d22

March 26-April 1	<b>San Diego Regional CA</b>
April 20-22	Bakersfield Sectional CA
May 18-20	Visalia Sectional CA
June 15-17	Big Bear Lake Sectional CA
Sept. 3-9	<b>Orange County Regional</b> , Costa Mesa CA

## NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 26 - Aug. 5	Summer 2018	Marriott Marquis, Atlanta GA
Nov. 22 - Dec. 2	Fall 2018	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu HI
March 21-31	Spring 2019	Sheraton & Crowne Plaza, Memphis TN
July 18-28	Summer 2019	Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas NV