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Bridge Across the District

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Where the wild things are



Photo by Raj Garg

Raj Garg of Portland visited Africa in June, where he saw this herd of elephants crossing the Okavango Delta in the Vumbura Plains of Botswana. Coincidentally, Chip and Berta Cleveland of Bend also traveled to Africa earlier this year, making it an unusually hot travel destination for District 20 players.

How do we give back to bridge?

I just returned from the Boise regional. What a lovely playing site! I was able to walk or jog along the Boise River in the morning and eat at some wonderful downtown restaurants after the game. The table count was small, but I will happily return to a Boise regional.

I've been thinking a lot about bridge – the game that we love so dearly. How did we all get started playing? How do we attract new



Laurie Rowe
D20 District Director

members to our beloved game? How do I best give back to this game? How might I inspire others to give back to our game?

I believe the above thoughts are related to two things for me. One, my campaign to be

reelected as Region 12 Director (combining Districts 20 and 21). By the time this is in your inbox, most votes will probably be cast. I have an uphill battle as District 20 has 3000 members and District 21 has 8000. I am giving it my best shot – if you have a vote and haven't voted, please vote!

The other reason for this thought of giving back was created by a great personal loss for me, the death of

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D20 results from Providence NABC

Few District 20 players made the long trip to Providence, R.I., to play in the Summer NABC. Still there were a few overalls in national events.

Amy Casanova placed third in the Wagar Women's Pairs (see story, page 11). **Kevin Marnell** and **Mark Mackenzie** placed third in the Young 0–2500 Pairs (see story, page 11). **Roger McNay** and **Dan Hoekstra** placed 17th in the Wernher

Open Pairs. **Laurie Rowe** placed 18th in the Wagar.

In regional events, the team of Marnell, Mackenzie, **Tim Rilling** and **Don Herring** won bracket 4 of the bracketed round robin teams a day after failing to qualify in the GNT Flight B. Rowe placed second in an open pairs. **Cheryl Haines** won a side game. **Jon Gassaway** placed first in B and C in a side game.

How D20's clubs are doing

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

Club activity in District 20 is down 26% compared to 2019, but the level of changes varies widely among the district's units, a Trumpet analysis found.

We set out to examine the state of club bridge in the district and how it has changed in the past three years, using data reported to the ACBL in Live for Clubs to compile the table on page 8.

There are currently 48 active clubs in District 20. Ten of them offer both face-to-face and online games; 13 are online only; 25 meet only in person. The hybrid clubs are generally the largest, with seven of them among the top 12, all of which had hosted more than 600 tables as of Aug. 6. The online clubs exist primarily in areas where there is another club offering live games. The face-to-face clubs are mostly small clubs in areas with no online club presence.

In 2019 there were also 48 active clubs, four of which have since gone defunct, while four new ones have been created. None offered online games as that was

Online, in person or both?

How District 20 clubs divide based on how their games are conducted, and how clubs in each group compare in average table counts

		Total tables	Avg. tables
Live-only clubs	25	5122.5	204.9
Online-only clubs	13	5816.0	447.4
Hybrid clubs	10	9283.0	928.3
District total	48	20,221.5	421.3

not an option until April 2020. The clubs hosted 46,103.5 tables in 2019.

In order to compare the 2019 data to 2022 through Aug. 6 – the first 31 weeks of the year – we adjusted it to 31/52 of the total to create year-to-date numbers for 2019. These do not take into account seasonal fluctuations. The 2022 year-to-date table counts were then divided by the 2019 year-to-date numbers to find the percentages in the table's last column.

While the district total is at 73.6% of 2019, the percentages for the various clubs vary widely. A few are up substantially, a few are about even, some are down

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District considers reducing regionals

Losses of over \$75K in a few years prompt need for big changes

It can never be a bad thing to start with some good news.

Our very own Trumpet editor, Ms. Amy, had an impressive performance at the nationals in Providence. Partnering with Arti Bhargava of Mill Val-

ley CA, Amy placed third in the Wager Women's Pairs. An ever-so-slightly more favorable ruling from a post-event appeal would have netted Amy and her partner first overall. Still, an impressive performance. Congrats.

I cannot say that I have such good news to pass along when it comes to the finances of District 20. The short version is that we are losing money, seeing our reserves shrink from

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Don Marsh
D20 President

Who's ready to get to Seaside?

What's better than being at the beach? Seeing friends and playing bridge at the beach! Come earn those masterpoints at the beautiful, newly renovated Seaside Convention

Center Sept.–Oct. 2. Game times remain at 9, 1 and 7

so you can walk the beach in the morning and still have time to have lunch and be ready for the 1 p.m. game. And there are plenty of Gold Rush events.

To honor two of the grand dames of bridge, note that there will be a Betty Rossmann Memorial Bracketed KO on Tuesday-Wednesday and a Diane Cullen Memorial Open Pairs on Saturday.



Jim Wheeler
Tournament Manager

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The sky isn't falling, but burden on few volunteers is growing

The other day I was researching Jane Johnson, for whom Club Appreciation month (October) is named. I was like, who the heck is Jane Johnson? I figured if I didn't know who she was or why there was a whole month of games named after her, maybe others didn't, either.

Turns out she was an ACBL employee in the '90s, overseeing the club and member services departments, which had recently merged. This was during a transitional time for the league; computers and the implementation of ACBLscore meant clubs were reporting their finances and masterpoint awards electronically. Communication with members was also changing. Johnson handled the increased burden on her department with grace and calm. She worked through her chemotherapy treatments for cancer and literally died on the job, traveling from Memphis to Birmingham to attend board meetings at the NABC. When she didn't show up for a meeting, she was found dead in her hotel room.

That is dedication. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Here we are again, going through a period of intense transition. And there are many individuals who are working like a Jane Johnson to get us through it. I was chatting with my friend **Jean Johnson** the other day about the changes we have experienced in bridge in the time that we have been playing. Jean is a real inspiration to me; she has the kind of positive attitude and resilience that is essential in life. We reminisced about our early days at the club. "Remember when we said our bids and called the director due to 'inflections'? Or



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

'tone'? That was pre-transition to bidding boxes," said Jean. "Remember how the sky was falling? I'll never get used to this! 'Why can't we just say our bids?'"

"Then it was travelers! Oh, my goodness! 'We have to use these machines [Bridge-mates]? How will I know what others did?! I'll never get used to these things!' The sky is falling again!"

"Then it was the pandemic and online bridge! Never mind that it is perfect for spread-out districts for national qualifying events or shut-ins who can again enjoy competitive bridge.

"The sky is not falling. We transition. Life, relationships and bridge all transition! We grow. We adjust. We learn to honor the new and diverse."

Well said.

So, let's all assume the sky is going to stay where it is. If you are like me and hope that you will have a bridge club and tournaments to go to in 20, 30 and maybe even 40 years (!), it is

important to realize that you are accumulating historical knowledge right now that will come in handy in the future. In my time as an involved bridge player, as opposed to a casual, once-every-two-months player (yes, I used to be kind of not that into it), I have noticed that the same few individuals keep getting more and more responsibility, because they care, or are superstars, or can't say no, or all of those plus more.

The sky is not falling; but we need to hold it up, together. So, think about how you can shoulder some of the burden so that we don't burn out our Janes.

I hope one day we look back and see how we weathered this storm.

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Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

Some people are able to take fantastic trips to other continents, like our cover photographer **Raj Garg**. I realize I won't ever be one of those people. I can't even go as far as Providence without an ordeal. Once again, getting there was no problem, but getting back was a doozy.

I was connecting through Washington, D.C., and when I arrived there my flight to Memphis was canceled. I joined the customer service line with everyone else going to Memphis or Columbus, which was also canceled. There were no other flights to Memphis that day.

I really didn't want to add another day to my trip, so I asked to go to Little Rock, which is only about 2 hours from Memphis. I'd even found someone in line also rebooked on that flight who wanted to share a ride. We called a bunch of rental car companies, but there were no cars to be had.

I found Greyhound had a bus that night at 8:30 going from Little Rock to Memphis, plenty of time to get there after our flight landed around 7. I wasn't able to book it online because their website isn't iPhone-compatible, but I called and paid an extra \$20 for phone booking.

Shortly after, the Little Rock flight was delayed and now would not arrive in time to make the bus. My only purpose in going there was to avoid staying an extra day. Now that was happening anyway, so I went back to customer service to see if I could still get on the next-day flight to Memphis. No such luck, so I rebooked my Greyhound for the next morning (another \$20 fee).

When I got to Little Rock, I googled where the bus station was and looked for hotels near there. I don't know if it was a premonition, but I felt unsure about the

location of the station. There was no address listed on the ticket. I mentioned I was looking to stay near the Greyhound station to all the hotels I spoke to, hoping for some confirmation that I was in the right place. The first two were booked but the Econo Lodge was not.

I wanted to get food from the McDonalds a block away from the Econo Lodge, which was open for drive-thru only after 10 p.m. It was a few minutes after 10 when I got there and you can't walk up to a drive-thru. I was right there but no way to get food without a vehicle.

So I downloaded Uber Eats, spent 20 minutes trying to order (they picked up an expired card from Uber, which I don't use) and then placed an order, paying \$13 for an order of fries. I watched as the estimated time of arrival kept getting delayed as the driver's location on the map remained stationary. After 45 minutes I contacted Uber support to get my order reassigned to another driver, who arrived in 15 minutes.

The next morning I lugged my very heavy three pieces of luggage 0.7 mile to the bus station, where I found a sign on the door saying that this station had closed permanently just 12 days ago. It gave an address for a new pickup spot at a roadside travel stop 10 miles away. It was 10 minutes before the bus was supposed to arrive at the new location.

I looked again at the door and found a website for tracking the bus. Fortunately, it was running 15 minutes late – just enough time for me to get there. I ordered a Lyft, paid extra for priority pickup and barely made it to the bus on time.

But I did make it, and I got home Tuesday afternoon.

Letters

Clubs need help

We need the ACBL to help out the brick-and-mortar clubs. When face-to-face bridge came to a screeching halt, the ACBL was quick to establish an on-line presence with BBO, creating a Support Your Club game to send some of the funds collected to the individual clubs impacted. Then the ACBL allowed clubs to establish their own online games, requiring that in order to play you had to have played at the locations physical site prior to the pandemic.

Since then, however, the ACBL has either lessened their requirements or by their lack of enforcement made it possible for opportunistic individuals to corrupt the system so that virtually any player, from any location, can play on their site. This has not only created a cash cow for those individuals, but the impact to the local clubs has placed many clubs in a situation where we are actually losing more money now than we were during the period we had to be physically closed.

While it is impossible to put the genie back in the bottle, it is not impossible to adjust their pricing. By eliminating all table fees for brick-and-mortar clubs they could help to reduce some of the financial burden these clubs are experiencing since no clubs are at pre-pandemic levels of participation. The ACBL can recoup its costs by assessing larger table fees for the online games. Since the ratio right now is 75% online to 25% brick-and-mortar, an increase of \$0.50 a table for the online games would more than replace the table fees currently being charged to brick-and-mortar clubs, while still generating an increase of more than 12% in revenue from table fees for the ACBL.

Joe Morgan
Vancouver, Wash.

Note: The ACBL charges clubs \$1 per table, or 25 cents of each person's entry fee, which clubs are free to set. In May the ACBL board took a number of actions aimed at supporting face-to-face bridge, mainly by shifting masterpoint incentives.

Going for gold

My partner, **Kurt Browning** of Grass Valley CA, and our friends, **Jeff** and **Deanna Heyser** of Penn Valley CA, have all playing together since we each had about 350 masterpoints. We teamed up for the Sacramento Regional last June.

On Tuesday, Kurt and I finished in the top 10 of a Gold Rush pairs event. On the next day, we played with the Heysers in a bracketed team event. We were in the lowest bracket and came in first, netting 7.71 gold points.

On Friday, we gathered again to play another bracketed team event. We came in second, netting ourselves 3.24 gold and 1.62 red points.

Saturday, we played again in a bracketed team event finishing second again and on Sunday, the last day of the regional, we played in a B/C/D team game. We finished first in D and second overall to collect 5.20 gold points.

In five days of play with Kurt we collected 25.57 masterpoints. The Heysers won 24.07, bringing us all to the brink of Life Master.

At this point, Kurt needed a little over 2 red points, which we secured with two days of play in a 50/50 black/red game.

Jeff went over at the Reno sectional in August, getting his final 2.22 silver masterpoints. Deanna needs just under 2 silver points, and she will cross the line as well.

It was fun to say the least.

Cary Wirth
Nevada City, Calif.

Disaster detour to an abandoned bus station

Beware the queen-jack doubleton

Two days in a row I had the joy of setting someone who had opened 2NT and played there. Here's the first one.

Dlr: North ♠ J 10 7 5
Vul: E-W ♥ 9 7 6
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 10 9 2

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

♠ K Q 6
♥ K J 10 4
♦ A K J 3
♣ Q J

I led a fourth-best club. Partner won the ♣A and returned a club to my ♠K. I played the ♠8 to dummy's 10, signaling a spade entry. Declarer finessed a diamond to the ♦J and my ♦Q. I cashed my club winners as partner signaled for a heart and declarer pitched hearts from both hands. I led the ♥3 to partner's ♥A and the ♥K fell. A heart came back to my ♥Q, and seeing everyone was out of hearts, I cashed the ♥5! Then the ♠A and finally declarer got the last three tricks. Down four, and my hand took seven tricks!

Obviously a top, as anyone else would keep a heart guard. The next day it was déjà vu.

Dlr: South ♠ 9 8 6
Vul: N-S ♥ 10 8 5 2
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 10 5 2

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

♠ Q J
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ K 9 5
♣ A 9 6

I led a fourth-best spade. Once again partner won and returned my suit. This time I was able to run it immediately as I had the ♠10. Partner asked for a club, so I exited the ♣7 to the ♣J and ♣A.

Deaths

Joe Halloran – 69, of Portland OR died Nov. 18, 2019.

Bob Johnstone – age unknown, of Portland OR died July 22, 2022.

George Kuppler – 69, of Brookings OR died June 26, 2022.

Cathy Urben – 81, of Salem OR died May 10, 2022.



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Carolyn and Bert Adams

New Gold Life Masters

Carolyn Adams and Bert Adams of Steilacoom, Wash, achieved the rank of Gold Life Master playing at the NABC in Providence, R.I. – with exactly the same number of masterpoints. “We started playing bridge together after retirement,” said Carolyn. They both retired in 1998 from the U.S. Army; she was a nurse and he was a dentist. Bert had some experience with bridge and Carolyn started taking classes, but Bert started participating when he realized the Goren method was a little outdated. They joined the ACBL together and have only played with each other, except for social bridge, hence the same number of masterpoints. “Our goal was to earn our Gold Life Master together,” said Carolyn.

NAP AND GNT

Play in NAP, qualify for New Orleans

The qualifying period for the North American Pairs has ended as of August. To be eligible for the district finals, you must have qualified in a club. This year our district finals are on Saturday, Nov. 19, for Flight B and Sunday, Nov. 20, for Flights A and C. Our finals are being contested online using BBO. You must pre-register at least a week prior to our district finals and play at a pre-approved monitored site. We will email you a list of sites or you can apply to have a monitored site.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

The pairs will qualify to represent D20 at the Spring NABC in New Orleans, March 8–9 for Flight A and Saturday and Sunday, March 18–19, for Flights B and C. Four pairs are eligible in Flights B and C, while only three are eligible in Flight A.

The district finals pay gold points for Flight A and B overalls and half gold, half red for Flight C. The ACBL has provided \$700 per person for the winning pairs and \$300 to offset travel to the nationals. District 20 has provided some small additional amounts to offset some of the cost of travel.

GNT

Four teams represented D20 in the national finals at Providence in July. Though our teams came close, none of them advanced to the knockout stage. Our open team was very close. If I had made a different choice on the following hand we would have advanced. I held:

♠Q x x ♥A x x x ♦K x x ♣J 10 x.

All vulnerable, I passed in first position. The bidding went 1♠–2♠–3♠ to me. I bid 4♥. The bidding proceeded 4♠ on my left passed around to me. I didn’t know what to bid. I still don’t. By the way, this determines the winner of the match, as this happened on the last round against the team that qualified in last place but ended up winning the event.

It is clear to me that our pairs need some additional seasoning in order to do better at the national level. If you have any suggestions, please bring them to me. I hope you play at your local club and qualify for the NAP finals.

Ed. note: Hal ended up passing and the opponents went down four, undoubled. If either Hal or Bruce had doubled, it would have been at least plus 800 and enough to win the match.

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In Memoriam

Bob Johnstone
Unknown – July 22, 2022
By Hal Montgomery

Bob Johnstone died July 22. An Emerald Life Master with nearly 8000 masterpoints, Bob was a Portland bridge legend in many ways. A skilled player, he could be intimidating at the table – both physically and mentally – but underneath his sometimes-abrupt grumpiness was a kind soul quick to offer friendly bridge advice.

“Bob and I played a lot of bridge and had a lot of fun many years ago,” wrote Hendrik Sharples of Brush Prairie WA. “I remember Bob coming in sleepy for a 9 a.m. KO final and tossing about 40 IMPs in five boards. He excused himself and got some coffee and from then on was solid as can be. We ended up tied and won a four-board playoff against Dave Starratt, Big John Anderson, Grant Baze and company. Quite a thrill at that time.”

Bob won the Bean Red Ribbon pairs in 1991 playing with Dan Marthaler.

Bob’s health had been in decline, he had been living in care facilities for many years and finally succumbed to an infection, age unknown. Bob was a giant of a man in many ways. He was proud to be in recovery and shared his story of overcoming addiction freely. We had been friends for years before his excesses overwhelmed him after the deaths of his wife, Ellen, and his mother.

Bob graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth and received his law degree from the University of Chicago. He reminisced with me about his time volunteering in Venezuela with an organization of young Republicans, their answer to the Peace Corps. He was changed by the experience and never represented “the man” in his law career. He spent his early years as an attorney working with Cesar Chavez during the beginning of the United Farm Workers movement. When he came to Portland, he worked for Legal Aid; when he finally set up a private practice in Estacada, he primarily represented workers injured in the timber industry. He always fought for the underdog.

Bob was a wonderful swimmer. He had set records in high school and lettered at Dartmouth. He would often butterfly his way across the North Fork reservoir just east of Estacada. We would swim down the Clackamas River starting from the Barton Bends and exiting at Carver. He loved the water and tried to use his strength as a swimmer to keep some level of fitness.

In addition to his love of bridge, Bob had a decades-long affair with Don Quixote. He kept his treasured statue of the Man from La Mancha with him through the many care facilities he inhabited over his last years.

Life magazine’s critic, Tom Prideaux, wrote of Man of La Mancha in 1965: “In making us love him and recognize parts of him in ourselves, this absurd but magnificent dreamer has revealed deep truths.”

Bob was that great dreamer, always looking for Dulcinea.

Play of the Hand

Larceny can improve your matchpoint scores

If you have any larceny in your heart — and all good bridge players do — you can improve your matchpoint scores by stealing a trick here and there.

We’ll look at a few examples of the mischief a declarer can wield that can produce extra tricks against unsuspecting or careless defenders.

Take this hand, for instance, played in an online club game:



Jim Flint
Play of the Hand

Dlr: South ♠K 9 5
Vul: None ♥K 8 2
Lead: ♣9 ♦A K 10 8 3 2
♣A

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

♠A J 7 6 4
♥Q 5
♦J
♣Q J 10 3 2

West North East South
Pass 4♠ All Pass 2♠

♠K 9 8 6
♥K 10 8
♦J 10 5 2
♣K 8

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

♠A 7 2
♥A Q J 9 5
♦K
♣Q J 10 9

♠K J 5 3
♥K Q 3
♦Q J 5
♣J 10 9

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

♠A Q 8 7 2
♥J 10
♦A K
♣K 7 6 5

I landed in 4♠. When West led the ♣8 and I saw the dummy, I counted possibly three losers: a heart and two clubs. Then I realized that if the ♣8 was a singleton, I could have four losers: ♠A, club ruff, ♥A, and another club ruff.

East was marked with the ♠A Q by the lead, so I knew my ♠K was safe, but perhaps the only way to ensure the contract was to drop the ♠K under the ace, convincing East that his partner led top of nothing. I couldn’t possibly have four clubs and drop the king, right? So it must be a singleton. Why else would I drop the ♠K? Why else, indeed?

I knew that East would be afraid to cash the ♣Q, setting up dummy’s jack. I figured he would switch. And he did. He exited with a diamond, hoping to catch his partner with the king.

East got his two clubs and the ♥A, and I made my contract. Before leaving, East typed, “Sorry, partner.” I felt his pain. But I wasn’t sorry.

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Two Souths opened 1NT (it’s all the rage, you know, now that the rules allow you to do that with a singleton high honor). The rest of the field was in 4♥.

The notrump declarers made 10 tricks for 630. In both cases, West led her fourth-best diamond and the defense took two diamonds and the ♣A. Better than the 4♥ bidders, right?

Well, better than most of them. But one of the 4♥ declarers, with larceny in his heart and a cooperative East, made 11 tricks for 650 and a top board. How did I do it? (Yes, I was the felon.)

When the dummy went down, before playing, I studied the hand and decided I needed to steal a trick to guard against those in the field who might play in notrump.

So, after taking the ♠Q lead in dummy with the king, I led the ♦J. I figured East might get suspicious if I led a small club immediately, perhaps trying to make a singleton king good. But why would I lead the jack? He ducked hoping I would make a wrong guess about the location of the ♦A Q.

My singleton ♦K held and I rolled for 11 tricks.

If you have a singleton king in hand, early on try leading the top card of dummy’s holding toward your king. Maybe your RHO will make the same mistake.

This final deal occurred in an ACBL-sanctioned game on BBO.

Chip: How 2NT goes down five

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Finally in, declarer made a strange play. She led the ♥9, overtaking it in dummy in order to once again take a losing diamond finesse into my hand. I won the ♦A and gave my partner another club. She ran what was left of her suit and then cashed the ♦Q. If I’d unblocked my ♦J under it, we could have taken the rest of the tricks, but when I won the ♦J I was endplayed into giving declarer a heart. Down five!

Also obviously a top, as declarer can simply cash out for down two when in with the ♠A.

The terrible misplays made these hands much more ridiculous than they needed to be, but in

both cases 2NT was doomed. If you strictly add high-card points, they come to 20, but that’s if you count the doubleton Q-J as full value. And here are two great examples of why you shouldn’t. They might not be worth anything!

I would count the doubleton Q-J as worth about 1.5, giving me 18.5 HCP – not enough to open 2NT. If you properly downgrade, you’ll get to 1♦ on the first and some number of hearts on the second – much better contracts.

Seaside?

Wish I could make it to Seaside. Have fun there.

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THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Tell me what we can do

It's been a whirlwind of activity restarting our face-to-face bridge tournaments – and so much fun reconnecting with friends from afar, rediscovering the joy of holding cards, and relearning how to alert our partner's bids instead of our own!

It has been widely reported that attendance at the I/N games is not catching up to pre-pandemic levels at the same rate as open games. I have wondered why and speculated with many of my cohorts, but I'd like to hear from you, the players. If you haven't tried a regional yet, what could we do differently to appeal to you? Call (650-207-6430) or email me at cherhaines@gmail.com.

The upcoming Seaside Regional might be the right time to dip your toes back into the regional bridge tournament water – and the actual water of the Pacific Ocean as well. We are trying something new with the I/N schedule, with many games having a 499 masterpoint upper limit instead of the traditional 299 limit. Most days you will have the choice to play single sessions at 9, 1, and/or 7 p.m. – or double session Gold Rush at 1 and 7 p.m. Be sure to take a

close look at the events offered!

We also have a wonderful slate of speakers lined up with topics that will appeal to lower and mid-level intermediate players. At lunchtime there will be 30-minute Lunch and Learn talks

with topics such as "What Suit to Attack in Notrump." There will also be 30-minute Tips for Tops with slightly more advanced topics including "When to Bid, When to Pass." If you have ideas for speakers or topics, call or email me.

Last but not least, I'd like to give a shoutout to all the local volun-

teers who are making the regionals happen. In both Bend and Boise, it has been local volunteers who are overseeing I/N activities like speakers, prizes, and partnerships – but things are going swimmingly! Thank you to them all!

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Cheryl Haines
D20 I/N Coordinator

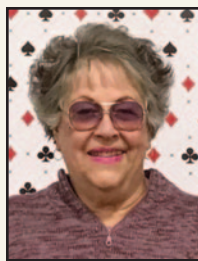


Maryon Evans, local I/N chair for Boise, demonstrates the new photo backdrop and selfie signs.

New Life Masters & Milestones



Kurt Browning
Grass Valley CA



Claudia Kemper
Brookings OR



Michael Thurlow
Bend OR



Cary Wirth
Nevada City CA



Suzanne Cook
McKinleyville CA
Diamond Life Master
5000 masterpoints

Congratulations!

DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

JUNIOR MASTERS

Jeannie Botelho, Portland OR
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Loma Dies, Medford OR
Henry Hamaker, Portland OR
William Harwood, Kailua HI
Carol Jack, Chico CA
Jane Nicholson, Portland OR
Jamey Skillings, Kailua HI
Charles Staser, Chico CA
Robin Wagner, Kailua Kona HI

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Scott Church, Kailua Kona HI
Robert Coker, Penn Valley CA
Russ Dodd, Meridian ID
Susan Farber, Elelele HI
Dan Grabski, Portland OR
Richard Keesee, Brookings OR
Merry Lewis, Grant Pass OR
John Magin, Waikoloa HI
Peter Osborne, Portland OR
Treyson Sher, Springfield OR
Joanne Swyers, Vancouver WA
Roxane Wittmayer, Portland OR

For definitions of ranks, see acbl.org/masterpoints-results/masterpoint-ranks/

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Rebecca Kovach, Eugene OR
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Sheri Markwardt, Milwaukee WI
Elizabeth Schuft, Corvallis OR
Michael Schuft, Corvallis OR

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Carol Schaafsma, Eugene OR

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BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

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Dee Fulton, Honolulu HI
Claudia Kemper, Brookings OR
Erik Larson, Corvallis OR
Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA
Sheila Moore, Portland OR

SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Diane Dutton, Boise ID
James Hook, Penn Valley CA
John Mc Nulty, Redding CA
Edwin Miller, Ashland OR
Darrel Mooney, Boise ID

RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR
Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI
Ira Buchalter, Jacksonville OR
Michael Hollins, Redding CA
Anita Morgan, Penn Valley CA
Thomas Morgan, Penn Valley CA
Gary Rosenthal, Kailua HI
Mary Ann Walton, West Linn OR

GOLD LIFE MASTERS

D Senn, Beaverton OR
James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
Leslie Reynolds, McKinleyville CA
Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
Kemble Yates, Ashland OR

DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS

Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA

Unit 487 Portland Fall Sectional Sept. 9-11, 2022

FRIDAY, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

- Open Pairs, single sessions
- 0-1000 Pairs, single sessions
- 0-300 Pairs, single session at 10:30 a.m.

Portland Bridge Club
2010 Lloyd Center
(third floor)
Portland, OR
503-252-1318

(Free parking
@Lloyd Center top deck,
West end off Halsey)

SATURDAY, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.

- Open Pairs, two sessions, play-through*
- 0-1000 Pairs, two sessions, play-through*
- 0-300 Pairs, single session at 10:30 a.m.

*single session pairs welcome

Register for all your sessions
using the Portland Bridge
Club's calendar!

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/portland/>

SUNDAY, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. and TBD

- Two session stratified Swiss teams (A/X and B/C/D)**
- Single session stratified pairs at 10:30 a.m.
(if sufficient attendance)

**All events with an upper masterpoint limit require all partnership/team members to be under the limit



Stratifications

- 300 Pairs: 300/200/50
- 1000 Pairs: 1000/500/200
- Open Pairs: Unlimited/3000/300

**New ACBL players (0-5)
play FREE!**

Sunday Swiss

- A/X: Unlimited/4000/2500
- B/C/D: 2000/750/300
- Sunday Single Session Pairs:
Unlimited/1000/300

FREE coffee & snacks



Tournament Coordinator: Paul Walker, 510-316-3699; pawalker00@gmail.com
0-1000 Partnership Desk: Tara McMahon, taralmcmahon@icloud.com
Open Partnership Desk: Paul Walker, pawalker00@gmail.com

\$12 per session. \$16 for lapsed ACBL members.

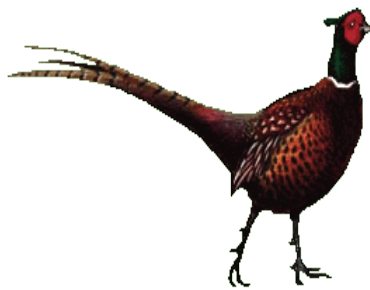
\$5 for students under age 26 with student I.D. and ACBL membership.

Health and safety: We will abide by Oregon Health Authority requirements and ACBL guidelines in effect at tournament time. Covid vaccination proof is mandatory. masks are optional

Sanction #2209362

Boise Unit 394
www.boisebridge.club

Boise Fall Sectional



Sept. 23-25, 2022

Holiday Inn Boise Airport

2970 W. Elder St.
Boise, Idaho 83705
(208) 914-2065

Friday, September 23

- 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs
- 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: 0-199er games

Saturday, September 24

- 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs
- 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: 0-199er games

Sunday, September 25

- 10 a.m.: Stratified Swiss Teams

Masterpoint Ranges

- A=unlimited**
- B=750-1500**
- C=0-750**

- Stratification by team or pair average.
- \$12/session for ACBL members, \$16/session for lapsed ACBL members.
- \$96 per Swiss team Sunday (no lunch served).

Tournament Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Chair: Kathy Downen; downenkathy@gmail.com; 208-724-7158

Partnership Chair: Bev Fransen; bev_fransen@hotmail.com; 208-724-7473



No coffee will be provided at this event





THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Defensive fundamentals – part one

Welcome back! It's nice to have you here again. If you followed along with my first two columns, you may remember the running theme has been that of "fundamentals." So far, we've covered one bidding fundamental and one fundamental for declarer play. We need a defensive fundamental to complete the set. Let's talk about carding. This is, perhaps, the most important of the defensive fundamentals. When we are on defense, declarer has us at a disadvantage. Between their hand and the dummy, declarer knows exactly what assets they control and can put together a plan for how they want to go about making their contract. As defenders, we only are certain of about 50% of our defensive assets – the cards that we can see in our own hand. We might know a little bit about partner's hand but, mostly, it will be a mystery to us. Good carding technique enables the defense to communicate (legally!) with each other and potentially map out a path for defeating the contract. While there are many different carding techniques that defenders may use, I want to focus (unsurprisingly) on two fundamental ones: Attitude and count. We can't possibly discuss everything about these topics in one article so let's at least cover the fundamentals. We will start with attitude and continue with count in the next issue.



Kevin Kacmarynski
Trumpet Contributor

Attitude signals

Attitude signals are given when partner leads and you are not trying to win the trick. Attempting to win the trick takes priority over signaling. Using "standard" attitude signals, a high spot card (such as an 8 or 9) suggests that you "like" a suit while a low spot card (such as a 2 or 3) suggests that you don't like a suit. Keep in mind that these spots are relative. If you have K-5-4-3 and want to encourage partner, well, the 5 is the biggest one you have so it will have to do. If you prefer to play "upside-down" signals, simply reverse everything (high = don't like and low = like). For the duration of this article, we'll assume we are using standard signals.

So, what does it mean to like a suit? Liking a suit means that you wish to encourage partner to lead that suit again in the future. Why might you want to do this? There are several possibilities. Let's examine two of them.

When partner leads an honor at trick one

Partner's lead of an honor at trick one promises that they also hold the next honor in sequence (often the next two honors in sequence against notrump contracts). A lead of the king at trick one promises the queen. Leading the queen promises the jack. Leading the ace promises the king, though there are some exceptions against high-level contracts. As

such, when partner leads an honor at trick one, count on them having the next lower honor.

If you hold an honor in the suit where partner has shown or implied a sequence, you want to encourage them to continue the suit – you like the suit. If you do not have a touching honor to partner's honors, you would discourage the suit – you don't like it. Let's look at some examples:

Partner leads the ♠K at trick one. You hold J-8-2 of spades. Would you encourage or discourage spades? Partner's lead of the king promises the queen as well. You have the jack. That gives you a touching honor. This means that you can encourage spades by playing the 8.

Another one: Partner leads the ♦A. You hold J-8-2. Would you encourage or discourage diamonds? Partner's lead of the ace promises the king as well. The location of the queen is unknown. You don't have the queen, though, so you need to discourage further diamond leads. Play the 2 (your smallest diamond) to tell partner that you do not like this suit.

Against a suit contract, with a low doubleton you "like" the suit because you want to ruff.

Warning! Be careful about signaling like with a doubleton! If you play your 9 from 9-3 under partner's ace, they might mistakenly think you have the queen and try to get to your hand by leading low at trick two! That may give away a trick. Eddie Kantar (RIP) suggested not signaling encouragement with a doubleton unless it is absolutely clear that you can't possibly

have the next honor in sequence. A good example would be if partner led the ace (from A-K) and the queen is sitting in dummy. In this case, it's pretty clear that your "like" signal must be based on a doubleton.

When dummy is winning the trick

Suppose partner leads a fourth-best spade and declarer calls for dummy's ace from A-6-4. If you have the ♠K, you would definitely be interested in having partner lead the suit again. As such, you need to show your positive attitude towards spades and play as high a spot card as you feel you can afford – say, the 8 from K-8-5. If you play the 5 instead, that may discourage partner from leading another spade as they will think you don't have any interest in the suit, or they may think you simply want a different suit led. There are several different variations of this second situation, such as giving count if you can't beat dummy, so be sure to talk to your partner.

A final note: be sure to respect partner's attitude signal. If you have a very strong reason to ignore the signal, that's fine. If you ignore the signal and it was the wrong thing to do, that reflects poorly on you and can impact partnership harmony. Trust your partner. They know more about their hand than you do.

Next issue: count signals.

Kevin Kacmarynski will continue writing educational material for The Trumpet. He can be reached at 2dragons@peak.org.

Vancouver USA Fall Sectional

November 12-13, 2022

Location TBD



Saturday, Nov. 12 – Pairs

Stratflighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD)..... 10 a.m.
Novice Pairs (0-100 stratified, # of tables permitting)..... 10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs..... 3 p.m.
Limited Pairs (0-750 stratified)..... 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13 – Teams

Stratflighted Swiss Teams..... 10 a.m. & TBA
Flight A = 5000+; X = 3000-5000; Y = 0-3000
Flight BCD: B = 750-3000 C = 300-750; D = 0-300

*Stratified Fast Pairs (single session) 10 a.m.

*Field stratified by director based on entries

Schedule is subject to change

OPEN STRATS	NLM STRATS	STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS	
A = 3000+	A = 500 - 750	A = 5000+	B = 750 - 1500
B = 1000 – 3000	B = 250 - 500	X = 3000 - 5000	C = 300 - 750
C = 0 – 1000	C = 0 – 250	Y = 0 – 3000	D = 0 - 300

Note: A team with any player over 1500 masterpoints must play in Flight A/X

All brackets determined by average masterpoints of team

Fees: \$12/session; ACBL membership required.

Guest memberships available.

New ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play free!

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Coordinators: Joe Morgan, 360-909-7837, ifamember@yahoo.com

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ACBL and Washington state health and safety requirements will be followed.



Sanction #: 2211329



District 20 NAP 2022 - 2023

Win a subsidized trip to New Orleans in March 2023!



Schedule for the 2022-2023 competition:

- **Unit level:** Not held, but must have a Unit-sponsored club-qualifier if none of the clubs in their jurisdiction have conducted at least one club-qualifier
- **District level:** Players play online via BBO from locations in jurisdictions throughout D20 with proctors that have been approved in advance!
List of NAP Qualifiers (May not be inclusive or up-to-date)
 - Flight B on Saturday, November 19, 2022
 - Flights A & C on Sunday, November 20, 2022
- **National level:** At the Spring NABCs in New Orleans LA
 - Flight A on Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 - 9, 2023
 - Flights B & C on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 - 19, 2023

Flight Eligibility

Flight A – Open to any player
Flight B – Players with less than 2500 MPs *
Flight C – Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MPs *

* The ACBL June 2022 masterpoint cycle, published on May 6, 2022, determines flight eligibility. Any points won but not included in this cycle do not affect eligibility.

Advancement From D20 Finals:

- The top three eligible pairs in Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B & C qualify to the National Final.
- Those who qualify for participation in the National Final may be offered an ACBL and/or D20 subsidy earned by their finish in the District finals. Subsidies are intended to offset the cost of travel to the NABC and may be provided, reduced or eliminated at the discretion of the ACBL and/or District Management.

For More Information:

- Contact the North American Events Coordinator, Hal Montgomery: email, dewitt@imaginata.com; phone, (503) 583-3717



ACBL: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>



D20 (2021 Conditions for reference): http://web2.acbl.org/NA_Events/NAP/2021/D20_NAP_CoC.pdf

The Oregon Coast Regional

at Seaside

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, September 26

7 pm..... Grass Roots Fund Swiss Teams
 7 pm..... Grass Roots Fund Open Pairs
 (part of evening side game series - 1 of 6)
 7 pm..... ♦ Grass Roots Fund 499er Pairs

TUESDAY, September 27

9 am..... Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
 9 am..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... Betty Rossmann Memorial Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Wednesday)
 1 & 7 pm..... Open Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... ♦ Razor Clam Gold Rush Pairs
 1 pm..... Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
 1 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... ♦ 199er Pairs
 7 pm..... Evening Swiss Teams
 7 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)
 7 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs

WEDNESDAY, September 28

9 am..... Morning Swiss Teams (continues 9 Thursday)
 9 am..... Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
 9 am..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... Top-Flight Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 3000)
 1 & 7 pm..... ♦ Coho Gold Rush Pairs
 1 pm..... Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
 1 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... ♦ 199er Pairs
 7 pm..... Evening Swiss Teams
 7 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)
 7 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs

THURSDAY, September 29

9 am..... Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
 9 am..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... Lewis & Clark Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Friday)
 1 & 7 pm..... Top-Flight Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 3000)
 1 & 7 pm..... ♦ Chinook Gold Rush Pairs

THURSDAY, Sept. 29 (continued)

1 pm..... Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
 1 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... ♦ 199er Pairs
 7 pm..... Evening Swiss Teams
 7 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)
 7 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs

FRIDAY, September 30

9 am..... Morning Swiss Teams (continues 9 Saturday)
 9 am..... Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
 9 am..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... Sand Dollar Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Saturday)
 1 & 7 pm..... Astoria Swiss Teams
 1 & 7 pm..... Open Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... ♦ Oyster Gold Rush Pairs
 1 pm..... Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
 1 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... ♦ 199er Pairs
 7 pm..... Evening Swiss Teams
 7 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)
 7 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs

SATURDAY, October 1

9 am..... Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
 9 am..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... Jellyfish Swiss Teams
 1 & 7 pm..... Diane Cullen Memorial Open Pairs
 1 & 7 pm..... ♦ Steelhead Gold Rush Pairs
 1 pm..... Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)
 1 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs
 1 pm..... ♦ 199er Pairs
 7 pm..... Evening Swiss Teams
 7 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)
 7 pm..... ♦ 499er Pairs

SUNDAY, October 2

10 & TBA..... Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams
 10 & TBA..... Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams*
 10 am & 1 pm..... Fast Pairs

*Lowest brackets will include 299er and 0-750 teams. Gold points in every bracket! (Single session 299er teams accommodated.)

Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2022

Seaside Convention Center
 415 1st Ave., Seaside, OR



INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

Games for *all* experience levels!
 • 199er events Tuesday-Saturday
 • 499er events Monday-Saturday
 • Gold point games daily

Learn from the best!
 • Daily speakers
 • "Ask the experienced"

Fun!
 • Special prizes



YOUR HOSTS

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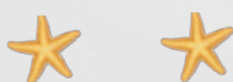
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STRATIFICATIONS

Open events: Unlimited/2500/750
 Open Pairs (with Gold Rush):
 Open/3000/1500
 Top-Flight Pairs: Open/3500
 Mid-Flight Pairs (under 3000): 3000/1500
 ♦ Gold Rush Pairs (under 750):
 750/300/200
 ♦ 499er Pairs (under 500): 500/300/200
 ♦ 199er Pairs (under 200): 200/100/50

Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams:
 Open/4000/2500 (20 VP)
 Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:
 0-2000 (no player over 2000); teams
 play in small groups by MP average;
 gold points in each bracket; 20 VP.

DISTRICT 20 WEBSITE
www.ACBLD20.org

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
- One-bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play two times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.

♦ Indicates I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) events

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TABLE FEES

ACBL members, \$15; lapsed, \$19;
 under age 25, \$5

Conditions for the regional will depend on the status of covid-19 and its variants at the time of the tournament. Proof of vaccination will be required and masks may be required. Please check the D20 website for up-to-date information.

ACCOMMODATIONS/TRAVEL

- **THE INN AT SEASIDE**
 Across the street; free breakfast; \$119-\$139; add \$20 Fri/Sat. Cutoff date: 9/10/22. 800-699-5070, 503-738-9581.
- **SALTLINE HOTEL**
 1 block from beach; 2 blocks from convention center; free breakfast; \$139-\$149; add \$20 Fri/Sat. Cutoff date: 9/10/22. 971-601-1082.
- **RIVER INN AT SEASIDE**
 Riverfront; 2 blocks from convention center; free breakfast; \$129-\$149; add \$20 Fri/Sat. Cutoff date: 9/10/22. 503-717-5744.
- **BEST WESTERN PLUS OCEAN VIEW RESORT**
 Oceanfront; 4 blocks; café; indoor pool; fitness center; \$105-\$155. Cutoff date: 8/26/22. 800-234-8439.
- **RIVERTIDE SUITES**
 Riverfront condo hotel; 1/2 block; fully furnished; free breakfast; evening reception; indoor pool; fitness center; \$130-\$200; \$220-\$300 Fri/Sat. 877-871-8433
- **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**
 Riverfront; 1/2 block; free breakfast; indoor pool; \$145; \$250 Fri/Sat. Cutoff date: 8/26/22. 503-717-8000.
- **OTHER CHOICES:** www.SeasideOR.com
- **By rail and coach:** MAX train from Portland Airport (PDX) to Portland Union Station connects to twice daily Amtrak coach service to Seaside. 800-USA-RAIL or www.amtrak.com
- **Cab service:** Alpha Taxi & Shuttle (Seaside), 503-440-7777

Clubs: Data shows how pandemic, shift to online play has affected different areas

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Unit	Club	Location	Live games /week	Online games /week	Avg. tables live	Avg. tables online	Avg. total live	Avg. total online	Avg. total/ week	YTD tables	2019 YTD	% of 2019
487	Portland Bridge Club	Portland OR	10	2	7	4	70	8	78	2202.0	3500.3	62.9%
	Ace of Clubs	Lake Oswego OR	0	6	0	8	0	48	48	1509.5	2343.5	64.4%
	Unit 487 total		10	8	7	12	70	56	126	3711.5	5843.8	63.5%
452	Vancouver Bridge Club	Vancouver WA	4	3	6.5	5	26	15	41	1345.5	1891.0	71.2%
	Longview Bridge Club	Longview WA	2	2	3	5	6	10	16	610.5	349.3	176.5%
	Unit 452 total		6	5	9.5	10	32	25	57	1962.0	2240.3	87.6%
479	Emerald Bridge Club	Springfield OR	2	4	7	6	14	24	38	1330.0	1302.3	102.1%
394	Bridge Cooperative of Boise	Boise ID	2	3	6	8	12	24	36	1246.0	1435.8	86.8%
470	Honolulu Unit	Honolulu HI	0	2	0	12	0	24	24	914.0	646.8	141.3%
	Kailua DBC	Kailua HI	1	2	5	8.5	5	17	22	698.5	357.1	195.6%
	Oahu Bridge Players	Honolulu HI	0	2	0	6	0	12	12	331.0	220.9	149.9%
	Waialae Bridge Club	Honolulu HI	0	1	0	8	0	8	8	269.0	139.5	192.8%
	Outrigger Canoe Club	Honolulu HI	0	1	0	7	0	7	7	205.0	220.6	92.9%
	Sunset Bridge Club	Princeville HI	2	0	3	0	6	0	6	217.5	411.6	52.8%
	Unit 470 total		3	8	8	41.5	11	68	79	2635.0	1996.5	132.0%
477	Corvallis DBC	Corvallis OR	6	0	6	0	36	0	36	810.0	1270.1	63.8%
	Mid-Valley Online BC	Corvallis OR	0	2	0	8	0	16	16	613.0	0	
	Albany DBC	Albany OR	2	0	3.5	0	7	0	7	204.5	342.5	59.7%
	Unit 477 total		8	2	9.5	8	43	16	59	1627.5	1612.6	100.9%
476	Cascade DBC	Bend OR	2	1	6.5	3	13	3	16	481.5	960.1	50.2%
	Bend Ace of Hearts	Bend OR	0	2	0	5	0	10	10	292.0	322.8	90.5%
	Gentle Bridge	Bend OR	0	1	0	5	0	5	5	158.0	159.8	98.9%
	Central Oregon Hub BC	Redmond OR	0	1	0	3	0	3	3	115.0	17.3	
	Unit 476 total		2	5	6.5	16	13	21	34	1046.5	1460.0	71.7%
461	Lake Wildwood DBC	Penn Valley CA	1	3	5.5	4	5.5	12	17.5	647.5	398.2	162.6%
	Aces N Spaces	Grass Valley CA	1	0	5.5	0	5.5	0	5.5	158.0	529.7	29.8%
	Lop DBC	Auburn CA	1	0	3	0	3	0	3	61.0	88.8	68.7%
	Unit 461 total		3	3	14	4	14	12	26	816.5	1016.7	85.2%
469	Unit 469	Kailua Kona HI	0	2	0	10	0	20	20	633.0	0	
	Kona Bridge Club	Kailua Kona HI	1	0	3.5	0	3.5	0	3.5	196.0	599.1	32.7%
	Hilo Bridge Club	Hilo HI	2	0	3.5	0	7	0	7	181.0	298.1	60.7%
	Waikoloa DBC	Kamuela HI	1	0	4.5	0	4.5	0	4.5	125.5	333.3	37.7%
	Unit 469 total		4	2	11.5	10	15	20	35	1135.5	1230.5	92.3%
484	Phoenix Rising	Medford OR	0	2	0	6	0	12	12	415.5	614.3	67.6%
	Jackson County BC	Medford OR	0	2	0	5	0	10	10	194.0	442.6	43.8%
	Unit 484 Club	Medford OR	1	0	6	0	6	0	6	183.0	0	
	Unit 484 total		1	4	6	11	6	22	28	792.5	1057.0	75.0%
490	Salem Bridge Club	Salem OR	5	0	4	0	20	0	20	402.5	1087.7	37.0%
	Oak Valley Bridge Club	McMinnville OR	1	1	6	5	6	5	11	290.5	193.2	150.4%
	Unit 490 total		6	1	10	5	26	5	31	693.0	1280.8	54.1%
464	Redding DBC	Redding CA	2	0	8	0	16	0	16	412.0	700.5	58.8%
	Bridge Werks	Redding CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	348.8	
	Unit 464 total		2	0	8	0	16	0	16	412.0	1085.3	38.0%
398	Nampa-Caldwell BC	Caldwell ID	1	1	9	4.5	9	4.5	13.5	425.0	330.3	128.7%
481	Grants Pass DBC	Grants Pass OR	4	0	3.5	0	14	0	14	337.0	470.1	71.7%
	Tri-City Bridge Club	Brookings OR	2	0	3	0	6	0	6	202.5	351.1	57.7%
	Roseburg Bridge Club	Roseburg OR	1	0	3.5	0	3.5	0	3.5	97.0	301.1	32.2%
	Unit 481 total		7	0	10	0	23.5	0	23.5	636.5	1122.3	56.7%
491	Astoria-Warrenton DBC	Astoria OR	2	0	5	0	10	0	10	251.5	408.1	61.6%
	Seaside Bridge Club	Seaside OR	1	0	3	0	3	0	3	88.5	414.9	21.3%
	Unit 491 total		3	0	8	0	13	0	13	340.0	823.0	41.3%
485	Ontario Bridge Club	Ontario OR	2	0	6	0	12	0	12	235.0	418.2	56.2%
	Baker City Bridge Club	Baker City OR	1	0	4	0	4	0	4	58.0	0	
	Unit 485 total		3	0	10	0	16	0	16	293.0	418.2	70.1%
471	Maui Bridge Club	Kihei HI	3	0	2.5	0	7.5	0	7.5	209.0	555.9	37.6%
	West Maui BC	Lahaina HI	2	0	2.5	0	5	0	5	106.5	175.3	60.8%
	Unit 471 total		5	0	5	0	12.5	0	12.5	315.5	731.2	43.1%
457	Bidwell Bridge Club	Chico CA	2	0	5	0	10	0	10	185.0	508.8	36.4%
458	Sequoia Bridge Club	Eureka CA	0	2	0	6	0	12	12	167.0	418.8	39.9%
572	Bandon Bridge Club	Bandon OR	1	0	5.5	0	5.5	0	5.5	127.0	143.4	88.6%
	Bay Area DBC	North Bend OR	1	0	4.5	0	4.5	0	4.5	95.5	255.5	37.4%
	Newport Bridge Club	Newport OR	1	0	5.5	0	5.5	0	5.5	90.0	251.0	35.9%
	Miracle Miles DBC	Gleneden Beach OR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191.7	
	Unit 572 total		3	0	15.5	0	15.5	0	15.5	312.5	841.5	37.1%
493	Tillamook Bridge Club	Tillamook OR	1	0	4	0	4	0	4	89.0	193.8	45.9%
492	The Dalles DBC	The Dalles OR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	301.7	
482	Basin Bridge Club	Klamath Falls OR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233.7	
	District totals		74	48	169.5	142	375.5	309.5	685	20,221.5	27,484.8	73.6%

about as much as the district average and a dozen are down by more than half.

The existence of online-only clubs in some areas shades the club numbers in the sense that some activity simply moved from the face-to-face club to its online counterpart. To better understand the changes, we grouped the clubs by unit and compared the totals for each unit.

This balanced out some of the extremes, but the same pattern of variation holds. The biggest beneficiary of the pandemic has been Unit 470, based in Honolulu, where table counts are up 32% since 2019. All but one of the clubs in the Honolulu area has seen an increase, and the outlier is down only 7%. The unit's increase would be even higher except for the inclusion of a club in Kauai, a separate island.

The Honolulu clubs pooled early in 2020, creating a large virtual club that attracted visitors consistently. Later, as the unit club continued to thrive, the component clubs began to offer their own online games, which also succeeded beyond historical expectations. Online bridge is thriving in Hawaii. Just one club in Kailua has reopened for face-to-face bridge once a week, but that game accounts for less than a third of the club's total.

The other unit seeing a significant increase was Nampa-Caldwell, up 29%. The club there had long offered one face-to-face game per week, and that game is down slightly. But the addition of a second online game accounts for the difference. Though the online game gets only half as many tables as the live game, simply having twice as many games is a big boost.

Two other units have increases so slight they probably didn't know it. Eugene's Emerald Bridge Club is up 2%, and the clubs of Albany-Corvallis Unit 477 are up less than 1%. The Corvallis unit benefits from the Mid-Valley Online Bridge Club, which also serves the Salem and Oregon Coast areas, both of which are down significantly. While Corvallis DBC is technically the largest live-only club in the district, it is a member of the Mid-Valley online club. The largest face-to-face club in an area with no online club is Redding DBC, which is 16th in the district and down 41%.

Four other units are doing better than the district average: Hawaii's Big Island, Vancouver/Longview, Boise and Nevada County, Calif. These are all around 85% to 90% of 2019. While the Vancouver Bridge Club is down 29%, the unit change is offset by a big increase at the Longview Bridge Club, which has benefited from popular online evening games that attract players from all over northwest Oregon.

Three units are close to the district average: Jackson County, Ore., Bend and Ontario, all 70% to 75%. While the club in Ontario is actually down 44%, there is a new club in Baker City. In Bend there is a hybrid club at 50% and three online clubs doing well. In the Medford area there is a new face-to-face club while the two existing clubs are online only. That area is complicated by pooling with the Eureka club; some of the pooled club's games are reported under Jackson County and others under Eureka's Sequoia Bridge Club. They seem to have a found an even balance such that both clubs are operating at around 40%.

Bridge in the district's largest unit is down to 63.5% with the two clubs there both very close to that number. Portland Bridge Club is mostly in-person (see story, page 9) and at 63%; the Ace of Clubs, online only and 64%.

Unit 481, which includes Grants Pass, Brookings and Roseburg, is at 57%, though Brookings's Tri-City Club is the only one near that number. A relatively healthy 71% in Grants Pass is offset by a deep decline in Roseburg.

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Weekly averages for live and online table counts are not precise, based on at-a-glance estimates for three weeks in July, before, during and after the Summer NABC. Year-to-date table counts are as of Aug. 6. 2018 YTD counts are based on 31/52 of the year-end table counts. Blue shading represents online play. Yellow shading represents live play. Green shading represents live and online combined.

Portland club focuses on return to in-person bridge

By Amy Casanova

The Trumpet

District 20's largest city, Portland, also has its largest club, the Portland Bridge Club. Not long ago, they all but eliminated their online presence and are now fully committed to the return of face-to-face bridge.

At the time we compiled our data (see table, page 8), the club was still running two online games along with 10 in-person. Since then, another online game has been cut, leaving just one on the schedule, an early morning Swiss on Mondays.

"When everything was shut down for the pandemic, online bridge was a great deal better than nothing," said David Castles, one of the PBC's three owners, along with David Brower and Jamie Sparks. "Now that it is safe to venture out again, it is time for the Portland Bridge Club to get back to its core mission. We don't want to encourage people to spend even more of their time at home alone, staring at screens. We want to be a place for the vibrant community of Portland bridge players to gather and enjoy each other's company."

One other Portland-area club, the Ace of Clubs, has not reopened as a live club, but hosts online games six days per week. They do not offer any open games; all their BBO games are limited. The Vancouver Bridge Club, also near Portland, has three live games per week and a once-a-month Sunday game. Two of their live games are limited concurrent with open.

The PBC has several limited games on the F2F schedule, some concurrent with an open game, as well as the revived mentor game on Friday nights, which was very popular pre-pandemic. There is also a Monday night limited game.



Portland Bridge Club has cut all but one online game to push bringing back face-to-face bridge.

There are also two open-only games on Wednesdays and Thursdays which attract good numbers. It is encouraging to see the room filled with people again. The opportunity for the newer players to play against and get feedback from the more experienced ones is important. Going to the club results in personal connections – finding new partners, teammates and mentors.

Evening club games have been trending down for quite some time. It's unusual for a club to regularly host two in-person evening games per week. Sheri Markwardt and Kevin Marnell direct the games and are committed to the effort. It's difficult to attract an open crowd; these games are geared toward those who are learning and need a weekday, evening option.

Even though daytime club games are back in the Portland area, some online games are still popular, particularly in the evenings. Leslie Kelson and Jerry Hallee, both of Portland, were regular fixtures at the PBC and Ace prior to covid. They transitioned to online during covid but have since resumed a healthy club presence.

"I play every chance I get," said Kelson. "So does Jerry." But the online games "were a lifesaver," and they still enjoy the ACBL open pairs games in the evening.

Rowe: Board addresses membership

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Jeff Taylor. Jeff was a friend and regular bridge partner. We shared many things in common: Oregon Ducks sporting events, scuba diving, tennis and bridge. At any tournament, I could count on Jeff to go for a walk between sessions.

Jeff had made it a point to play with the less-experienced players in Eugene and to this end, instead of playing with Jeff on Tuesdays, I now play with the less-experienced players. This has been a wonderful experience for me, and I believe the players have valued the experience by the emails I get after a game. We each give back in our own way. Bridge is a community where we experience friendships, fellowship and humor, and we help each other in many ways.

I give regular updates after the national meetings; you can look at the D20 website and find my reports (see highlights

below). Providence was well-attended and another wonderful place to play bridge.

I've heard from people who love the daylight schedule and from people that prefer the traditional 1 and 7 p.m. Seaside will be 1 and 7 so if that is your preference, I look forward to seeing you there.

The biggest problem nationally is we are losing members at a rapid rate. We have always lost members, but they were replaced by new members. This is truly a problem – we need new members! Somehow, we need to attract new members; I believe the ideal age for those new members is the folks whose nest is being emptied. The free guest membership is one way to refer a friend to join the ACBL.

Feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns, district20director@acbl.org.

District director Laurie Rowe can be reached at district20director@acbl.org.

Board adopts program to take proactive approach to membership

Membership has been a growing concern for the ACBL board as numbers have been dropping faster. At its Providence meeting, the board took action to reverse that, adopting a proposal from the Educational Foundation to create a pilot program aimed at changing the approach to bringing in new members.

The program will create a partnership between the organizations and teachers accepted into it, using digital marketing to find prospective students for teachers. Teachers must offer in-person lessons and be affiliated with a club offering face-to-face games. The pilot program will start small, but plans are to expand it significantly next year.

Finance: The ACBL budgeted for an \$850,000 loss this year but at midyear, losses were \$64,000 worse, and a loss of \$1 million is likely.

Discipline: The board amended the Code of Disciplinary Regulations to bar anyone found guilty of first-degree ethical violations from being awarded the rank of Grand Life Master or being inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Bridge: The board took a number of actions aimed at incentivizing and supporting face-to-face bridge. A few of these include:

- ◆ Allowing more flexibility in schedules for regional tournaments.
- ◆ Limiting special online games.
- ◆ Adjusting masterpoint awards for club games to reflect the number of boards played.
- ◆ Reducing masterpoint awards for virtual club games.

The board also revised regulations pertaining to the formation and dissolution of units and the transfer of members from one unit to another.

The Longest Day



Unit 461, which raised almost \$6700, held two community fundraisers at a park and a grocery store in Lake Wildwood, Calif., among other events.



The Caldwell Elks Lodge was decorated for Boise's The Longest Day event, which raised \$4327.

District 20 clubs raise \$18,000 for Alzheimer's Association

District 20 clubs and units raised \$18,453 for the Alzheimer's Association in events for The Longest Day in June.

Eighteen clubs and units participated, half of them just holding games and contributing fees, half raising additional funds through other activities. This helped the ACBL raise just over \$1 million — reaching that goal for the first time since 2019. While the ACBL-wide total improved by 9% over last year, District 20's contribution was down 20%.

Unit 461 in Grass Valley, Calif., led the district for the third year in a row, raising nearly \$6700. The team, led by **Deanna Heyser** and **Jamie Newman**, endured 95- to 100-degree heat at two outdoor community events, collecting donations outside a grocery store in Lake Wildwood and once again holding a drive-through event near the pickleball courts.

"It was amazing to me how generous people were and how much they wanted to not only share their story of family members or friends affected by the disease but also to donate," said Newman.

Top 10 fundraisers in D20

Unit 461, Grass Valley CA	\$6696
Boise Unit 394	\$4327
Portland Bridge Club	\$2168
Bandon (OR) Bridge Club	\$1220
Vancouver (WA) Bridge Club	\$1027
Cascade DBC, Bend OR	\$1010
Club sanction fees	\$830
Ace of Clubs, Lake Oswego OR	\$752
Corvallis (OR) Bridge Club	\$323
Longview (WA) Bridge Club	\$100

Boise Unit 394 has been first or second in the district every year of The Longest Day. This year they joined with Caldwell Unit 398, holding their event in Caldwell and raising \$4327. They sold raffle tickets and coupons for advice from the director.

Portland Bridge Club was once again third, raising \$2168, despite being down.

Surprisingly, tiny Bandon Bridge Club on the Oregon coast was fourth, raising \$1220 — a 67% increase from last year. "We didn't do anything special," said **Lorna Logan**. "We'll keep doing it."

Marsh: District oversight committee recommends three regionals per year

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something over \$200,000 at one time to our current status, which is in the area of \$125,000 and falling.

An oversight committee has been formed and its charge is to present to the board by the end of the 2022 calendar year a list of recommendations to address this situation. I am grateful to **July Ratley**, **Chip Dombrowski**, **Amy Casanova**, **Mike Eyer**, **Raj Garg** and committee chair **Roger Thomas** for being willing to undertake this challenging task. I am so impressed with the level of commitment and participation each committee member is bringing to this endeavor.

Historically, the district has sponsored four regionals per year (outside of Hawaii). Seaside and Vancouver typically have shown a profit, while the ones that have rotated among Eugene, Bend, Boise and Medford have been less successful financially. Recently the Bend Regional showed a loss of over \$8,000. As of this writing, the final figures on the Boise Regional are not in yet, but it the preliminary numbers show a loss of almost \$7,000.

It may be that the district is going to have to consider hosting just three regionals per year. Assuming Seaside and Vancouver continue to turn a profit, the district can probably afford to subsidize one additional regional per year, selecting from among Eugene, Bend, Boise and a Northern California location.

This is just one of the suggestions the committee may present to the board for consideration. It is also true that we must look at regional formats and perhaps consider going to five-day events for the

smaller regionals. We may also need to consider raising entry fees.

Of course, virtual bridge is here to stay and holding a yearly online regional might be something to consider. Currently, the ACBL is not permitting that, but it is clear we are in a time when we must be prepared to reimagine what bridge "looks like" now.

It is true that we have to look at all aspects of the district's operation to find places where we can reduce costs while at the same time consider options on how we might generate more income.

Switching back to a more positive note for a moment, in the short amount of time that I have served in this position, I have been impressed by the breadth and depth of the quantity and quality of the folks who keep District 20 functioning. These are all hard-working individuals who take their tasks seriously and are always looking out for what is best for bridge in our district. We are fortunate and these folks deserve our thanks and support.

The district is looking for an individual who might be willing to take on the task of dealing with the contracts we negotiate and sign relative to each regional. If you think you might have any interest or know of someone who might, please contact me at 541-228-4140 or email me at don-marsh45@comcast.net.

As always, I welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. To date, I have had zero individuals take me up on this offer. I look forward to the first.

Ciao.

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LANAI Bracketed Knockout Teams 1/37:15 p.m.
Aloha Charity Pairs/Evening Side Game Series 1/5
(unlimited,2000,750)7:15 p.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20).....7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24

Two-Session Gold Rush Pairs (750,300)9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Two-Session Stratified Open Pairs
(unlimited,3000,1500).....9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Morning Side Game Series 1/5 (unl,2000,750)9:30 a.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20)9:30 a.m.
MOLOKAI Bracketed Round-Robin Teams1:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
LANAI Bracketed Knockout Teams (cont'd) 2&3/31:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series 1/5 (unl,2000,750)1:30 p.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20).....1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 2/5 (unl,2000,750)7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25

Two-Session Gold Rush Pairs (750,300)9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Two-Session Stratified Open Pairs
(unlimited,3000,1500).....9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Morning Side Game Series 2/5 (unl,2000,750)9:30 a.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20)9:30 a.m.
OAHU Bracketed Knockout Teams 1&2/41:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series 2/5 (unl,2000,750)1:30 p.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20).....1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 3/5 (unl,2000,750)7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 26

Two-Session Gold Rush Pairs (750,300)9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Two-Session Jim Hopkins Stratified Open Pairs
(unlimited,3000,1500).....9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Morning Side Game Series 3/5 (unl,2000,750)9:30 a.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20)9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 26 (continued)

MAUI A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited,5000,3000)1:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
MOLOKINI Bracketed Round-Robin Teams (0-2500).....1:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
OAHU Bracketed Knockout Teams (cont'd) 3&4/41:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series 3/5 (unl,2000,750)1:30 p.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20).....1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 4/5 (unl,2000,750)7:15 p.m.

Friday, January 27

Two-Session Gold Rush Pairs (750,300)9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Two-Session Stratified Open Pairs
(unlimited,3000,1500).....9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Morning Side Game Series 4/5 (unl,2000,750).....9:30 a.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20)9:30 a.m.
HAWAII Bracketed Knockout Teams 1&2/41:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series 4/5 (unl,2000,750)1:30 p.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs (300,100,50,20)1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 5/5 (unl,2000,750)7:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 28

Two-Session Stratified Open Pairs (unl,2000,750).....9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
KAUAI Bracketed Round-Robin Teams9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed Knockout Teams (cont'd) 3&4/49:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Morning Side Game Series 5/5 (unl,2000,750).....9:30 a.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs9:30 a.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series 5/5 (unl,2000,750)1:30 p.m.
Single-Session 299er Pairs1:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 29

Fast Open Pairs (unl,2000,750).....9:30 a.m. & TBA
A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited,5000,3000).....9:30 a.m. & TBA
Bracketed Round-Robin Teams (0-2500)9:30 a.m. & TBA

All Sunday play finished by 5:30 p.m.

STRATIFICATIONS

Strats are based on the average of the pair or team. Bracketed events will have a maximum of eight teams per bracket where possible. Knockouts with one bracket may be handicapped. OAHU and HAWAII knockouts are "Soloway" style, with a two-session qualifying round-robin on the first day.

Gold events pay gold only for section tops or two-session overalls. Gold points are awarded for two-session overalls, all section tops in two-session events, and overall ranks in KO events with a bracket ceiling of at least 750 points. All other points are red.

Players may earn gold points by playing in at least two games in a side game series and achieving either a strat A section top or the overalls of the event based on the best two percentage games.

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PROVIDENCE SUMMER NABC

Placing first, second, third? My personal trifecta in the Wagar

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet



Arti Bhargava and Amy Casanova finished third in the Wagar Women's Pairs, with brief stopovers in first and second along the way, as scores were corrected and adjusted and rulings appealed.

I often thought my worst nightmare would be winning a national event, then waking up the next day to find a scoring correction changed the result. Hopefully, my experience in Providence after playing the Wagar Women's Pairs with Arti Bhargava is as close as I'll come.

We started off well, scoring 59.56% in the first qualifying session and 54.18% in the second to go into the final day sitting fourth. Our first final session score of 54.19% dropped us to eighth. Our last session felt OK, nothing special. Turns out, we were winning the event with one round to go – but the top three pairs were all very close. After the final round had been scored, we were in third place.

But wait! We had a director call at our table. This was the board:

Dir: East	♠Q 5 4 2		
Vul: N-S	♥A K 10 7 5		
	♦A 8 2		
	♣9		
	♠ J 10 9 6	♠3	
	♥—	♥ J 8 6 2	
	♦K Q J 4	♦10 5 3	
	♣K J 8 4 3	♣A Q 7 5 2	
	♠A K 8 7		
	♥Q 9 4 3		
	♦9 7 6		
	♣10 6		
West	North	East	South
	Amy		Arti
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	2♣	2NT
3♣	Dbl	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

I knew Arti's 2NT was not natural, but I wasn't sure if it was a heart raise or just a desire to compete at the three level. I did not say, "Alert," but rather gestured at the bid and said, "That's something." My RHO apparently did not hear me, but my LHO

did. Still, my RHO bid 3♣ over 2NT. Because I felt I had three places to play, I decided to double, kind of a "DSI" (do something intelligent) double, rather than make a unilateral 3♥ bid. Arti pulled my double to 3♥ and everyone passed.

Before the lead of the ♠3, Arti informed the opponents that her 2NT call was "a four-card limit raise," and my RHO said she would have bid 4♣ had she known. The director was called, and play proceeded. (Our notes say that in certain auctions, 2NT is a four-card limit raise, but in this situation, it was a "good raise," which in my opinion became obvious when Arti pulled my double to 3♥.)

Anyway, I made 3♥, losing a club, two diamonds and a spade. I figured the lead was a singleton and I won in my hand with the queen to cash a high heart, getting the news of the 4-0 split. I pulled two more rounds of trump ending in my hand and led a spade toward dummy's honors, knowing my LHO would be ruffing my spade loser; she knew it too and discarded. I returned to hand with a diamond and repeated the spade play, again she discarded. I drew trump and conceded the four losers, making three.

The director was called back and ruled

that because I didn't say "Alert," the table result was adjusted to 4♣ E-W making five, minus 150 for us instead of plus 140.

At the end of the event, I went back to work on the Daily Bulletin, or tried to. But Arti called me and said we should appeal the ruling. I have never appealed a ruling before, but we went over to the playing area where the director was still working and said we wanted to appeal. We wrote up the case and then I tried to go back to work again.

After a while, a different director came and told me she polled players and that three of them passed 3♥ with the correct information, but one bid 4♣. The ruling was a weighted result: we got 65% of the original table result of plus 140. If you look at our score recap, there is an adjustment of -1.57, more than enough to win the event had there been no director call.

Of course, I could have picked that up on any number of boards! Two in particular stand out: I went down in 3NT and I undertricked a club partial. I replay both of those in my head nonstop. But we did some good things too. I was proud of my defense on this board against two national champions:

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

Arti and I play Ogust or else I would never open this 2♣, although if you are

going to do such things, this is the right vulnerability. I am not sure why East did not bid 3NT (or maybe she did and West bid 4♣ corrected to 4♥?), but there we were. I led a spade, won in the dummy with the ace. Next came a low heart to declarer's 7! I smoothly played the ♥Q and led another spade to the king. Declarer ran the ♥8 to my 10. Arti took two more tricks with the ♥A and ♣K for down one and a 92% board.

Wednesday, the day after the event, was just a brutal day. I woke up feeling tired with a scratchy throat. I masked up and went to CVS for a two-pack of covid tests. I tested negative, so went to work with a mask on. At 11 a.m., I got an automated email telling me there had been a scoring adjustment and we were back to third place. Ugh. I had foolishly posted on Facebook my second-place finish and was getting congratulatory texts and emails, so I was having to say thank you, but now we are a not-so-special third place.

As the day wore on, I could tell something was not right with me physically. I went back to my room and tested positive for covid. I was devastated, scared for my health and ability to travel home, worried that I had infected others and disappointed that I was letting my co-workers and boss down with my inability to return to the NABC. I was able to do some work from my room, but I still felt that I created a burden for Chip and Paul. Plus, I felt awful: fever, chills, body aches and the worst sore throat I have ever had.

Thankfully there was the Spingold to watch on BBO. They played so slow; it took up the entire day.

Much of bridge (and life) is accepting things that are not in your control. I felt strangely calm and philosophical about my experience in the Wagar. I hope it wasn't as close as I'll ever get to winning a title, but all I can do is try to play better (and wait a few days to post on FB).

Playing our way out of the GNT

Flight B team finds greater success in other NABC events

By Kevin Marnell
The Trumpet

I traveled to Providence, R.I., with Tim Rilling, Don Herring, Justin Beck and Mark Mackenzie to represent District 20 in the Grand National Teams Flight B.

The Grand National Teams is a big knockout tournament where, after a qualifying Swiss, the teams play head-to-head KO matches against the teams from other districts until there is only one team left. On the first day, 33 teams had shown up; we played the Swiss to seed the top 16 teams into the KO bracket.

We were not doing well in the early matches, but in the second half we managed to claw our way back into contention. After the seventh Swiss match, we were sitting in 13th place with one match to

go. We did not have a good last match. The biggest swing was our side in 5♦ making six, and our opponents bidding and making 6♦. We managed to fall to 21st place after that match, well below qualifying.

Here is an example of one of the many hands butchered by yours truly.



Kevin Marnell

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

We landed in 6♥ after Justin opened 1♦ with the North cards. West led a club to East's ace, who returned a club, which I ruffed low. 6♥ looked to be easy enough as long as trump behaved. I cashed the ♥A, and when both opponents followed, I claimed, thinking I started with only four outstanding trumps. As it turned out, there were five outstanding trumps, and the opponent on my right had J-x-x-x.

The trump being on my right was especially bad be-

cause I likely could have still picked up the trump suit. While I don't have another trump in dummy to lead for a finesse, I could have ruffed dummy's clubs in my hand until I had equal length with East. Then I cash winners, arranging to win the 11th trick in dummy, so that I can lead from dummy at trick 12. Now dummy can lead anything, and East will be finessed in trump.

This was sizing up to be a very costly swing; when we went to compare scores, it turned out to be a push. The other team also drew one round of trump and claimed. Oops. Had I counted trump right, I could have picked up 15 IMPs for my team.

I went back to my hotel and took a nap after that round (Rhode Island is three hours ahead and I was not adjusted to the time). In the second half I played better, but not enough to qualify for the next day.

Marnell and Mackenzie went on to place third in the Young 0-2500 Pairs. The team also won bracket 4 of the Educational Foundation Bracketed Round Robin Teams.

Clubs: Hardest hit areas are down almost 65%

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The Salem area is at 54%, but that masks a huge difference between the Salem and McMinnville clubs. Like Caldwell, McMinnville's Oak Valley Bridge Club is up 50% thanks to the addition of an online game, when it only played once a week previously. Meanwhile Salem Bridge Club is down to 37%.

The district's nine other units have all declined by more than 50%, and two of them no longer have any bridge at all. The clubs in Klamath Falls and The Dalles have been on hiatus since closing in 2020. The clubs in Tillamook, Maui and Seaside units are between 41% and 46%. Though the clubs in Seaside and Astoria are live only, members are pooled with Vancouver/Longview for online games.

The other four units are down to between 35% and 40% of 2019. These are Eureka, Redding, Central Oregon Coast and Chico/Yuba City. Though the Redding DBC is at 59%, the closure of Bridge Werks brought the unit

down to 38%.

Bridge on the coast has been declining for a decade as several small-town clubs have folded, from a high of 10 clubs in 2010-11 to just three remaining, with the latest casualty being Miracle Miles DBC in Gleneden Beach. After two years of being on hold, the club decided in February it would not be coming back. That left the clubs in Bandon, North Bend and Newport. Bandon, at 89%, has seen little change. The North Bend club serves mostly the same community but is down to 37%, the unit average, after going from two games a week to one. Likewise Newport has gone down to 36% as it dropped from offering three games a week to one.

The unit that has suffered the biggest drop is Chico, where the Bidwell Bridge Club is down 64%. The club that has shrunk the most is Seaside. With just one game drawing three tables a week, the club is down 79%.

If clubs continue to pull their 2022 averages for the rest of the year, the district would finish with just under 34,000 tables.

AROUND THE UNITS



Tournament volunteers Craig Schaueremann, Jerry Dragoo, Norma Schaueremann, Linda Tubbs and Rich Zier.

Vancouver Sectional pulls 70%

It's been three years since the Vancouver Summer Sectional was held at the Washington School for the Deaf, and the support for this event was fantastic. In this rebuilding year – as clubs have been clawing their way back from the more than two years of devastation that covid-19 has had on face-to-face games in our community – national, regional, and sectional tournaments have all been struggling to get to even 50% of pre-pandemic numbers in terms of table count.

While all the data is not in yet, it appears that we received more than 70% of pre-pandemic attendance for this event. **Craig Schaueremann** and **Linda Tubbs**, as co-chairs, did a phenomenal job of assembling a team to make this event a spectacular success. **Barbie Pyles** was on the partnership desk, **Carol Nystrom** and **Norma Schaueremann** headed up hospitality, **Rich Zier** and **Jerry Draggoo** were responsible for transporting the equipment and tables to and from the event, **Care Parker** created some of the boards, **Jeff Jacob** and his team were excellent directors, and **Paul Walker** from Unit 487 supplied the bidding boxes for the event.

A special thanks to Craig and Norma Schaueremann for preparing the tribute panel of photos of Unit 452 members who have been lost since the last time we played at this venue, three years ago, aptly labeled "Gone but not Forgotten."



A montage of Vancouver unit members who have died since the 2019 summer sectional was displayed at the recent sectional.



Vancouver/Longview



By Joe Morgan

www.acbld20.org/vbc

Most importantly, thanks to all who came out in support of our club. We had players coming from all over Washington and Oregon, as far north as Seattle, and south as Eugene. From Ocean Shores and Seaside to Hood River. Our thanks to you all for coming out and supporting our unit.

No youth camp, but classes planned

The Vancouver area failed to garner enough interest in our summer youth bridge camp, so the camp had to be canceled. While we have not done a complete analysis of what went wrong, we believe the limited interest has more to do with a late start in advertising and the use of marketing tools that appear to be an ineffective method for reaching this demographic. This coupled with some residual issues from the pandemic, either parents still concerned about large groups gathering, or people who have been cooped up for several years, taking advantage of the summer to catch up on missed travel from earlier years. The club will be offering a traditional Audrey Grant introduction to bridge series of classes

face-to-face on Thursdays, beginning Oct. 20, and running until Dec. 15. In addition, intermediate face-to-face classes will be coming up in the fall as well.

Longview departures

The Longview club said goodbye to members **Judy Wehenkel**, who moved to California, and **Rita Fontaine**, who moved to Texas. They are truly missed, although we still do get to see them online frequently.

Unit busy making plans

The Portland Unit 487 has been busy this summer. A few of the Unit 487 Board members revived the education and marketing focus. They formed a committee and identified areas that need support and came up with some critical short-term initiatives. **Paula Koeller**, **Kristin Steinmetz** and **Linda Rountree** are heading the effort with an overall objective to support the current bridge community and to grow bridge in the Portland metro area. "We are looking to add a couple of people outside of the board to our team, in case you might be interested," said Steinmetz. "The team has gotten together and identified what we consider the most critical and actionable initiatives to meet the objectives."

A few things topping the list include:

A mentoring program to support the newest bridge players, especially those who learned online and have not had much opportunity to meet others in person and start to feel part of the broader bridge community. This is imperative to them feeling comfortable in moving forward and engaged in participating in both club games and tournaments.

Education: We have reached out to various community organizations to inquire about offering bridge lessons. Bridge lessons will be starting this month through Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation. Additionally, some marketing programs are in the works.

Promotions: The committee is looking into some advertising opportunities including promotions in welcome packages and ads in various local publications

The committee members would like to hear your ideas. They are looking for volunteers to help so if you have any interest, please let them know.



Portland



By Paul Walker

www.acbld20.org/unit487

Sectional success

Unit 487's summer sectional, held June 24–26, was another successful tournament. Attendance is steadily recovering as we collectively emerge from the forced isolation of the pandemic. We hosted 152 tables over the three days, which was up from the 131 tables hosted in January. To put the turnout in perspective, our January 2019 sectional hosted 244 tables – so, we are making progress as a bridge community, and yet we have a ways to go.

To that end, we will host our fall sectional on the weekend of Sept. 9–11 at the Lloyd Center, with space rented from both the Portland Bridge Club and the Portland Chess Club. These spaces combined offer ample space for our community to come out and enjoy the competition.

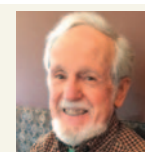
Lloyd Center management was super supportive of our summer sectional, making additional space available for us as the chess room was occupied by a summer chess camp for kids. Thanks to the terrific management team of Lloyd Center.

You, our unit members and to members of nearby units, thank you for your support of our sectional tournaments – we look forward to seeing you all in September for our next sectional. Masterpoint award levels are higher to further bolster the return to face-to-face bridge, so come on out! And, for those of you looking out for future bridge opportunities, we will be holding our winter sectional January 20–22, 2023. Mark your calendars!

F2F limited game is off to slow start

In August, the Redding club invited all of our novice "dolphin" players – the ones who reject playing with the sharks – to return to face-to-face bridge at the club in a separate session. We even provided a partner for any single players who were without. We ended up with one table – both pairs arriving with partners – and another two pairs joined for a fun, social game. It was definitely a limited start with hopes for more to join in the fun.

Our classes ended in early August; to date, none of the new players have taken advantage of the free guest membership program, but **Vickie Pugh** and **Joanne Copsy** will be hosting practice and instruction for students who are interested.



Redding



By Bud Hamilton

www.bridgescore.com/redding

The unit is considering holding a downgraded fall sectional. With F2F play down in numbers, we have no positive vibes that we'd field enough players for a regular sectional. Downgraded sectionals use local directors and pay 65% of the points. Eureka hosted several downgraded sectionals prior to the pandemic.

Big game: **Jerry Clark** and **Bud Hamilton** had a 73% game at the unit game in July.

Vancouver Bridge Club

Unit 452

Non-Life Master Sectional Oct. 15-16, 2022

Saturday, 10 a.m.: Morning pairs (single session, stratified)
Saturday, 3 p.m.: Afternoon pairs (single session, stratified)

Stratifications:

0-750 NLM: A=500-750; B=250-500; C=0-250



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

FEES: \$10 per player per session; \$14 lapsed ACBL members
No ACBL#? See the Director in Charge
Sunday lunch: \$5 pizza



Head Director: Rich Carle

Tournament Chair: Joe Morgan, 360-909-7837, ifamember@yahoo.com

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Sanction #2210336

Bob Peery 2022 Heart of the Valley 299er tournament

Open to all players with less than 300 masterpoints.
Come join in the fun and earn SILVER points!

Tournament chair and Partnerships chair:
Elizabeth Schuft, 541-231-5527,
elizabethschuft@comcast.net

Directors: Dick Jarvinen,
Bob Peery

ACBL Limited Sectional November 5-6, 2022

Heart of the Valley Bridge Center
1931 NW Circle Blvd.
(Corner of Circle Blvd. and Kings Blvd.)
Corvallis, OR 97330



Saturday, Nov. 5
10 a.m. Stratified Pairs
3 p.m. Stratified Pairs

Two separate sessions, not play-through

Sunday, Nov. 6
11 a.m.

1-session stratified Swiss Teams
Try a team game! Just one session!

Strat A: 100 – 300 MPs

Strat B: 50 – 100 MPs

Strat C: 0 – 50 MP

Check our website in October for directions and information on food and lodging: www.acbridgeclub.org.

No flyer available.
All information is subject to change

\$10 per player per session,
\$14 unpaid ACBL member
ACBL Sanction No. 2211347

AROUND THE UNITS

Boise raises \$4327, enjoys hosting regional



Boise



By Sue Hanni

boisebridgeclub

The Boise club in conjunction with the Nampa-Caldwell club (Unit 398) successfully hosted The Longest Day games to benefit research and care for those with Alzheimer's. We raised over \$4000 to donate to the Alzheimer's Association. Players really stepped up to the plate with raffle ticket purchases, donations and "call the director" coupons to get help with bidding - one request per coupon. Laughter often ensued when a player disagreed with the director's advice.

Treasure Valley Regional

District 20 just completed the Treasure Valley Regional the first week of August. Cheryl Maderazo from the Boise club was the local tournament chair.

We had a great tournament with players attending from British Columbia and 14 states, including Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, Nebraska and Kansas. Over 2500 masterpoints were earned by 155 players.



Players at the Boise Regional



Gretchen Kolb and Jill Wood

The event was held at the Riverside Inn in Garden City, which is immediately adjacent to the Boise River. This

allowed players to enjoy the beautiful scenery and weather during breaks.

Our partnership desk was a huge suc-

cess, thanks to Duane Christensen.

Duane arranged numerous partnerships; one was Patsy Neveau of Coeur D'Alene who partnered with Lindy Hamilton, our club president. Patsy's story reminds us of what bridge is all about! She flew to Boise without a partner, hoping to play with someone at her level to win those gold points to become a Life Master. The week was very good for her. She and Lindy placed first in their stratification in the open pairs! She is over 10 points closer to her goal. Patsy and Lindy reflected on one of the greatest outcomes from the tournament: The new friendships made over the course of the week!

Another success was a daily raffle program. Items and money were donated by numerous club members before the tournament. Kris Boesiger did an amazing job of assembling the baskets, comprised entirely of goods and products from Idaho.

Boise Sectional

This month the Boise unit will host a sectional tournament Sept. 23-25 at the Holiday Inn Express near the Boise airport. We look forward to welcoming all players pursuing silver points!



Eugene/Springfield



By Don Marsh

www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

Eugene adds I/N regional next year

The big news for the unit is that a decision has been made to expand the annual Eugene Sectional to include an I/N regional. The unit is hoping to duplicate the success that the Seaside unit has had in putting on this type of event.

This is no small undertaking and is going to take a great deal of legwork on the part of the locals to ensure that this is a successful event. There are inherent risks in new undertakings such as this and the board deserves a lot of credit for being willing to give it a try. This will be an event where Intermediate/Newcomers will have a chance for gold points. The dates are June 2-4, 2023. It will be held at the same incredible location as prior Eugene Sectionals - the Morse Event Center on the campus of Bushnell University. Yes, it is ways off, but please consider putting it on your calendars now.

Due to small table counts, the unit canceled the August unit game and hope the numbers will pick up in the fall.

The Emerald Bridge Club continues to hold F2F games two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30. Table counts are somewhere between not great and not terrible. The same appears to be the case for the three days per week that the club is holding online games.

These are indeed challenging times for smaller clubs like the EBC. F2F games have not come close to pre-covid times. Some folks do not feel comfortable coming out and playing in person. Others have come to appreciate the ease and convenience of online play.

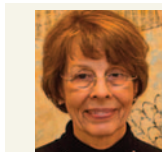
The smaller online games like the EBC's face lots of competition from BBO, the ACBL itself and for sure the mega-online clubs. It's so hard to say how this all shakes out.

Medford area holds Tuesday games, lessons

Attention bridge players in Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent and Eagle Point!

Each Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge in Medford, Unit 484 holds an open game that begins at 1 p.m. The Lodge is located on North Phoenix Road near Barnett Road. The first and third Tuesdays are unit championship games with extra masterpoints.

We have just added a 199er game, again with championship points on the first and third Tuesdays. Prior to each 199er game,



Jackson County



By Gee Gee Valine

bridgewebs.com/unit484medford

there will be a free mini-lesson covering one bidding and one declarer hand from the prior week, as well as other topics of interest to the group.

During the summer months, there were

three workshops offered for students new or returning to bridge. Also, free "mini-games" with pre-dealt hands, tailored to the material covered in the workshops, were offered alongside the open game.

Bridge classes will resume in September with a focus on declarer play. The lessons, workshops and mini-games have been possible thanks to a generous grant left by the estate of one of our members, Carol Kato, who loved bridge and valued bridge education.

Occasional Saturday night Swiss resumes

Come and play with us! The unit has weekly games Monday through Saturday along with the first Sunday of the month. Online bridge is OK, but the social aspects of face-to-face bridge is where it's at! Join the fun!

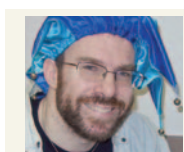
Comings and goings

The unit lost two longtime members during this past quarter. Former Salem Bridge Club board member Anita Walker has relocated to the Oregon coast and Cathy Urben, a past winner of Salem Bridge Club's annual Sportsmanship Award, passed away on May 10. Both will be missed by the Salem Bridge Club.

In brighter news, we would like to welcome three transfers into the unit. Welcome to Darlene Hamilton, Elizabeth Hewitt and P.W. Peosche. We're glad to have you here!

Tournament tales

I'm happy to report that Unit 490 had multiple wins at various tournaments over the past quarter. Our unit owned the Gold Rush Pairs events at the Seaside I/N Regional in April with a Friday overall win by Robert Demaster (McMinnville) and Unit 490 expat Marion Hull as well as a Saturday 299er win by Susan Hamilton (McMinnville) with Jenny Webster (Coos Bay). Marion struck gold again (well, silver actually) playing with daughter Emily (McMinnville) and Washington-based teammates Art Silvas and Steve Weinstein by taking first overall in the Sunday Mid-Flight Swiss game at the Portland



Salem



By Kevin Kacmarynski

www.salembridgeclub.org

Sectional in June. Congratulations!

Swiss teams with a twist

With bridge at Capital Manor in West Salem having reconvened, Saturday night director Kevin Kacmarynski has also restarted his "Swiss Mixer" games. Generally held on the fifth Saturday of the month, these Swiss team games have been extremely popular in the past. Players come to the game as pairs and are semi-randomly placed into teams at game time. More-experienced pairs are placed with less-experienced pairs to create a "Pro-Am" type atmosphere. The next scheduled Swiss Mixer will be a "Gold Dust" Swiss Mixer (gold points!) on Saturday, Oct. 29. Please reach out to Kevin for more information.

Meet your local board member

Do you have a suggestion for improvement in your local bridge game? Are you interested in learning how a bridge organization is run? Feel free to reach out to your club or unit board of directors. Current board members for Unit 490 are: Don Pitt, Laurie Naemura, Carolyn Orr, Diane French, Jeff Nevins, Loren Meyer, Steve Drew and Judy Lathrop; Oak Valley Bridge Club: JoAnne Benkstein, Shirley

Crenshaw, Susan Hamilton, Ben Mitchell and Allison Drew; Salem Bridge Club: Paul Graham, Sharon Douglas, Judy Lathrop, Shirley Layne, Jeff Nevins, Jack Wetherson and David Astle.

Rank changes

The unit would like to congratulate the following members on reaching their next milestones. Well done! Regional Masters Carolyn Orr and Kathleen McCrossin, NABC Master Peg Frame, Bronze Life Master Susan Owens.

Lewis award

Don Pitt has pulled into the lead in the race for the Lewis award with 9.83 points won in Unit Games this year. Wing Yung is in second place, a little over 2 points behind.

Results

Unit Game, May 1 — 1A: Skip Ludington — Beverly Crowley, 2A: Jack Wetherson — Nancy Wetherson

Unit Game, May 18 — 1A/1B: Don Pitt — Shirley Carlson, 2A: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan, 3A: Don Brockhaus — Judy Lathrop

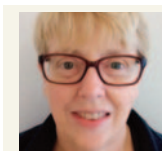
Unit Game, June 5 — 1A/1B: Don Pitt — Wing Yung, 2A: Jerry Gordon — Kevin Kacmarynski, 3A: Steve Drew — Donalee Nelson

Unit Game, June 15 — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan, 2A/2B: Christy & Jeff Wiegel

Unit Game, July 3 — 1A: Jack & Nancy Wetherson, 2-3A: Zina Galaka — Susan Palmer, 2-3A/1B: Skip Ludington — Loren Meyer

Unit Game, July 20 — 1A: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan, 2A: Don Brockhaus — Judy Lathrop, 3A/1B/1C: Jerry & Roseanna Gordon

Unit Game, Aug. 7 — 1A/1B: Don Pitt — Wing Yung, 2A/2B: Claudette Coffey — Skip Ludington, 3A: Kevin Kacmarynski — Jerry Gordon



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club



By Debbie Grasham

Club loses teacher

It is with sadness that we announce that George Kuppler passed away suddenly in June from a massive stroke.

George was a Life Master and a fixture at tournaments all over the country. He served as president of the Tri City Bridge Club in Brookings, as well as many other board positions. Along with Jack

Grasham, he was instrumental in organizing the free introductory lessons over the past six years. The four-week classes were a great success. George generally taught the advanced classes at the club. George's leadership, enthusiasm and great attitude will be sorely missed.

Claudia Kemper became a Life Master at the Bend Regional. Her team was Kirk Roberts, Steve Prokop, and George Kuppler. Claudia became a Bronze Life Master at the same time. Kudos to Claudia!



George Kuppler



Ask Jeff

ACBL tournament director Jeff Jacob answers your questions on rulings

Exclusion disaster

Dear Jeff,
Not really looking for bidding advice, but feel free to chime in on that as well. I held this stunner:

♠— ♥Q ♦AKJ987 ♣AQJ986,
and my partner and I had the following "auction":

Partner	North	Me	South
		1♦	Dbl
	1♠	Pass	5♣
	5♥	Pass	6♦
	All Pass		

My partner alerted my 5♣ call as exclusion Blackwood for spades (omg). Too bad we had just decided to play 3014; had we still played 1430, he would have bid 5♦ and I could have passed. A couple of questions: If it was exclusion, is it alertable? Or is it a delayed alert? Am I allowed to attempt to correct to 6♦?

— Think horses, not zebras

Dear Horses,

If 5♣ is exclusion in your partnership, then it is a delayed alert in face-to-face bridge. If playing online, you would self-alert the 5♣ bid; if playing behind screens then you would alert your screenmate when the 5♣ bid comes back to your side in the bidding tray.

There is nothing wrong with your 6♦ bid; passing 5♥ after it has been introduced for the first time at the five level is not a logical alternative in my view, even if you do have the unauthorized information from partner's improper alert.

My feelings on the bidding are that you have a three-loser hand and nothing is wrong with bidding a strong jump shift of 3♣ which is game forcing. There is still a chance 3NT is your best spot; not sure how the bidding could stop in 3NT, but at least you still have that option available with the 3♣ bid. Some players who say minors are just noise might be happy with a 2♣ bid as it hard to see how the auction will stop with the three other opponents (your partner included) holding 25 major-suit cards between them.

Send questions to jeff.jacob@acbl.org.



Seaside's beach beckons.

Seaside

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Check out the reduced room rates at several hotels listed on the flyer (see page 7). Note that most have a cutoff date of one month prior to the tournament.

Looking forward to seeing many of you after missing D20's premier regional tournament for the last two years!

For more information, contact tournament manager Jim Wheeler at jim-pamw@yahoo.com or 503-860-0563.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

SEPTEMBER 2022

9 – 11	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
9 – 11	Portland Fall Sectional	Portland Bridge Club, Portland OR
23 – 25	Boise Sectional	Holiday Inn Boise Airport
Sept. 26–Oct. 2	OREGON COAST REGIONAL	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

OCTOBER 2022

15 – 16	Vancouver Fall I/N Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
21 – 23	Gold Country Sectional CANCELED	St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA

NOVEMBER 2022

5 – 6	Corvallis 299er Sectional	Corvallis DBC, Corvallis OR
TBA	Redding Sectional	Win-River Resort & Casino, Redding CA
11 – 13	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
12 – 13	Vancouver Fall Sectional	TBA, Vancouver WA
19 – 20	North American Pairs	Online

DECEMBER 2022

5 – 11	Pacific States STaC	Local clubs
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JANUARY 2023

Jan. 1–May 21	Grand National Teams	Online
7 – 8	Vancouver Winter I/N Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
20 – 22	Garden Island Sectional	Kauai Phillippine Cultural Center, Lihue HI
Jan. 23–29	HAWAII REGIONAL	Prince Waikiki, Honolulu HI

FEBRUARY 2023

18 – 20	Big Island Sectional	Makua Lani Christian Academy, Kailua Kona HI
Feb. 20–26	OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL	Vancouver Wash. Hilton, Vancouver WA

MARCH 2023

3 – 5	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Corvallis Community Center, Corvallis OR
3 – 5	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
TBA	Chico Sectional	TBA, Chico CA
TBA	Rogue Valley Sectional	TBA, Medford OR
31 – 2	Seaside Sectional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
31 – 2	Golden Clam I/N Regional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

APRIL 2023

TBA	Redding Sectional	Win-River Resort & Casino, Redding CA
TBA	Ontario Sectional	TBA, Ontario OR
15 – 16	Vancouver Spring Sectional	TBA, Vancouver WA

MAY 2023

5 – 7	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
TBA	Portland Sectional	TBA, Portland OR

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

Oct. 7–9	Sunnyside Sectional WA
Oct. 26–28	Yakima Sectional WA
Nov. 3–9	Whistler Regional BC
Feb. 3–5	Bellingham Sectional WA
March 24–26	Everett Sectional WA
April 17–23	Victoria Regional BC

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

Sept. 17–18	Petaluma Sectional CA
Oct. 3–9	Reno Regional, Sparks NV
Oct. 14–16	Palo Alto Sectional, Mountain View CA
Nov. 11–13	Fresno Sectional CA
Jan. 2–8	Monterey Regional CA
Feb. 17–20	Fresno Sectional CA
March 4–5	Petaluma Sectional CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

Sept. 5–11	Great Falls Regional MT
Sept. 16–18	Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Nov. 4–6	Ogden Sectional, Roy UT
May 1–7	Regina Regional SK

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

Nov. 7–13	Las Vegas Regional NV
Nov. 17–20	Tucson Sectional & I/N Regional AZ
Jan. 16–22	Albuquerque Regional NM
Feb. 27–March 5	Tucson Regional AZ

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

Oct. 24–30	Ventura Regional CA
Dec. 12–18	Palm Springs Regional, Rancho Mirage CA
Jan. 30–Feb. 5	Costa Mesa Regional CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov. 24 – Dec. 4	Fall 2022	Convention Center, Phoenix AZ
March 9–19	Spring 2023	Marriott/Sheraton, New Orleans LA
July 13–23	Summer 2023	Sheraton, Chicago IL
Nov. 23 – Dec. 3	Fall 2023	Marriott Marquis, Atlanta GA

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