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Bridge Across the District

Spring 2022

D20 pair wins national event

McNay, Neyhart win Senior Mixed Pairs

Roger McNay and **Irva Kay Neyhart** won the Senior Mixed Pairs at the Fall NABC in Austin. With the win in an NABC+ event, McNay became a Grand Life Master, the highest rank in the ACBL.

Neyhart started the year less than 1200 masterpoints away from 10,000, the number needed to reach Grand Life Master. At her current pace, she'll be there by the end of the year.

They were strong throughout the four-session event, starting with 60.9% in the first session and then taking the lead with

63.7% in the second. On the second day they scored 58.5% and 50.1%, winning by almost seven matchpoints.

"In every session, after about 10 boards we were below average," McNay said.

"We just put our heads down and worked, and by the end we were ahead. I'm so proud of Irva. It's so easy when you have a bad start to fall apart, and she never did."

Neyhart won the Summer NAOBC Three-Day Pairs. "This has been a great year for me," she said. "My game improved."



Roger McNay and Irva Neyhart

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ACBL invests in technology

Austin was my first face-to-face meeting with my fellow board members. It was great to meet in person, after becoming acquainted through our many Zoom meetings. The minutes are posted online and in many ways the board is continuing to

streamline processes and continue to deal with covid just like all of us.

Attendance at the Fall NABC was about what we expected – much lower than a typical national. However, with the membership declining and age range of

members increasing, I expect numbers will continue to decline.

The focus of Marketing has been recruiting new members and teaching. With so many brick-and-mortar clubs gone or limited, many teaching programs have disappeared. There are online teaching programs and I know Portland Bridge Club is one of them. In addition, the free 120-day guest membership offered by the

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Laurie Rowe
D20 District Director



Kevin Kacmarynski, Hal Montgomery and Kristin Steinmetz are joining the Goodwill Committee.

Guiding lights

ACBL Goodwill Committee adds three new members

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Spring is upon us and so is a fresh batch of incredible bridge players who have stepped beyond the table to give back to the game they love. Meet your 2022 Goodwill nominees.

Kevin Kacmarynski

First up this year is a man who brings both goodwill and good humor to the bridge table. Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth, Ore., is someone who's been called a "willing volunteer," an "outstanding

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Don Marsh is new D20 president

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

Don Marsh didn't want to be district president. But after several months of recruitment efforts by Mike Eyer, Laurie Rowe and others who approached 20-some prospective candidates came up empty-handed, Marsh at last relented.

"I'm not sure it was a good idea," said Marsh, the owner of the Eugene area's Emerald Bridge Club. "Somebody has to do it."

So why did he agree to it?

"I felt like there were competent, committed people in place," he said, citing Amy Casanova,

Trumpet editor and tournament manager, and Laurie Rowe, the district director, both of whom asked him to run. "It was out of respect for them."

Rowe noted in a speech at the Oregon Trail Regional that it was Marsh who prodded her to get involved at the district level several years ago. "Payback is a ...," she said.

Though Marsh has more questions

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Don Marsh

Bend Regional awaits you

Here's hoping that the 2022 High Desert Regional will once again prove to be a fabulous tournament.

To that end, we have reserved the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend for our playing venue. It is an

absolutely beautiful resort with all the amenities. I have also reserved rooms across the street at the Red Lion and the Shilo Inn.

The dates are Monday, May 16, through Sunday, May 22. Please see the flyer on page 7 or on the ACBL or D20 websites.

Please put this tournament on your calendar. I look forward to seeing you there.

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



Jim Wheeler
Tournament Manager

Neyhart wins fourth Ace of Clubs race

Irva Kay Neyhart won the national masterpoint races for the 7500–10,000 bracket, taking the Mini-McKenney for the first time along with winning her fourth Ace of Clubs race.

From 2016 to 2018, Neyhart won the Ace of Clubs in three successive brackets. She scaled back her club play in 2019 but came back with a vengeance in 2021, earning 984.67 points in club games and 1241.25 total masterpoints – the fourth most of anyone in the ACBL.

With few tournaments held in 2021, all of the players who led masterpoint races got most of their points in club games, including Mark Itabashi who won the Barry Crane Top 500 race.

Two other District 20 players placed high in national Mini-McKenney races. **Bill Stevenson** of Honolulu was second in the 500–1000 bracket with 503.70 points. Frequent partner **Gary Haynie** of Kailua, Hawaii, was third in 300–500 with 457.13. Haynie was also sixth in the Ace of Clubs.

Louis Beauchet was fourth in the Junior race, his highest placing to date.

Once again the district races were largely dominated by players from Hawaii. Though the Honolulu Unit is the district's second-largest club, falling about 600 tables short of Portland Bridge Club in 2021, the Honolulu club hosts less than half as many games week as PBC, with about twice as many tables. The large games boosted their players in their races. See page 11 for results of district races.

Bridge needs you to step up and help out

For me, the return to face-to-face tournament bridge started back in November, with the Fall NABC in Austin, which was my first as an associate editor for the Daily Bulletin. I didn't know what to expect, and in a way, neither did anyone else. I mostly worked, although I did get to play in a couple of events. After that, I played in the Portland sectional at the end of January. That was incredibly exhausting: I knew more of the players so there was a lot more conversation, which I am not really used to. It was a very successful tournament, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

During that time, I was busy planning for the Oregon Trail Regional, which was in late February. I had been tracking tournament attendance since the summer and was relieved that the Vancouver Hilton let us downsize our room block, playing space and food and beverage minimum. I was still very concerned about turnout and logistics, but the regional was successful, too, although all three looked very different from "before times."

Even if tournaments are smaller and there are fewer bells and whistles (parties, prizes and perks), they are a necessity for bridge, as are healthy live clubs. We are a community of bridge players, and if we all stay home behind screens, our community will wither and die.

Our tournaments are possible because

of dedicated volunteers. Our board functions largely because of volunteers. If we don't meet each other in person, if we don't get to know one another and our many talents outside of bridge, how will we know who might be interested in becoming the next unit or district board member? Believe me, most people don't call up and say they want to become a board member.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

What usually happens is that an individual is noticed for their pleasant, helpful manner (picking up after the game at the club, offering advice to a new player, known to have transferrable experience from their life) and shoulder tapped. It's a lot easier to say "no" via email or telephone than in person. It would be wonderful to have people knocking down our doors to volunteer, that is just not the case.

Thankfully, **Don Marsh** of Eugene did not say no when asked to be president – on the telephone – during the last board meeting. Even though he may be a somewhat reluctant president, it's nice to have him. Every time we get new blood, and new ideas and perspectives, there are improvements. Having the input of players from across the district is also important.

So, this is me, tapping on your shoulder. Do you have thoughts about how bridge should be run in the future? Are you under 60 and interested in playing live bridge in 20 years and beyond? Now is the

time for you to volunteer for your unit or district board. We really need you.

I'd also like to mention that it's not a "thankless job." I was thanked often during the OTR and I appreciated it every time. And so, in turn I would like to thank the following volunteers for their incredible contribution. They all did an amazing job greeting players, checking vaccination cards, applying wristbands, answering a billion questions, giving lectures, taking photos and generally saving my sanity:

Barbie Pyles, Joe Morgan, Cynthia Brogan, Connie Saylor, Paula Koeller, Mike Eyer, Hal Montgomery, Chip Dombrowski, Chris Gibson and Donna Compton.

The Portland unit board deserves a big shoutout for the recent sectional. Paul Walker, Kristen Steinmetz, Tara McMahon, Paula Koeller, Monte Garrett and Jon Gasaway worked hard to put on an event for us players. It's cool to see people thinking creatively and coming up with new ways to host bridge events.

Playing in person isn't just about recruiting volunteers. It's how we meet new partners, form teams, find mentors and learn how to become better players. While I know that online bridge isn't going anywhere, I also know it's definitely not a replacement. I hope that soon it becomes what it was before: a useful tool for practice, and for hosting select events that are difficult to run in person.

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Arriving late, hungry and never quite ready

I've traveled four times since the last Trumpet, so buckle up, because there's bound to be turbulence ahead.

In 2017 the ACBL replaced all of its employee computers with laptops. Before that we had desktop computers at the office. At the NABCs, we would use laptops that were used exclusively then. Because we didn't need them any other time, they could be stored in our warehouse and shipped to NABC sites on the trucks that leave headquarters about a month before the start date.

Though the NABC laptops were old and not great, I liked this system. Why would we downgrade from the computers we had, which were more durable and powerful than laptops? In case we wanted to work from home, they said. (Why would we ever want to do that?)

When we got laptops, we were told we would be responsible for transporting our own devices to and from NABCs. I immediately voiced my concerns that it was a bad idea to trust me with company property where air travel is concerned. Anyone who reads this column or follows me on Facebook can attest to that.

When I'm on a plane, particularly in those moments after it has landed, my biggest concern is getting off it as quickly as possible. To speed my exit, I never have any carry-on luggage. Just a backpack with my two bottles of water and three magazines. I have too much liquid packed, so I always have to check my bag.

I did not intend to saddle myself with a laptop that I would need to lug around and retrieve after flights. It was getting checked.

That worked fine the first five times I tried it, but inevitable disaster finally struck on the way to Austin. My laptop arrived beat up, with the left quarter of the screen dead. I spent two days trying to get by without it and sharing Amy's computer before they gave me a replacement. I obtained some bubble wrap for the trip

home and subsequent flights.

My drive to and from Cincinnati in early January for a late family Christmas (they had covid in December) was without incident. So was the flight to Las Vegas a week later for the Sin City Classic and three-fourths of the way back. I even made it to the airport in Las Vegas in time to get a decent lunch. It was after 10 when I deplaned in Atlanta, and everything was closed, so good call.

After 40 minutes of sitting on the plane not leaving the gate, they announced we had to get off and wait another hour for a different plane. They had been unable to fix the brakes on this one. Didn't get home until after 2 a.m.

Then came the Oregon Trail Regional. I had scheduled a flight with a brief connection in Atlanta. But when I arrived at my gate at the Memphis airport – on time, mind you – my flight, which had been described as on time only minutes before, was now delayed. More than enough to miss

my connection. They automatically rebooked on the next flight to Portland, but that was 4 hours later. It would be almost midnight by the time I got to the Hilton, once again without dining options.

But it was great to be back at District 20's first regional in two years. I can't say I played well, but I sure did have a good time. I'd been looking forward to the Thursday-Friday Evening Zip Swiss Teams. After running around Wednesday trying to be the tournament photographer and make up for the time I'd lost the previous night when I intended to get to a grocery store, I wasn't sure trying to play three sessions would be a good idea. I didn't have a partner or teammates lined up, so it would be easy to skip.

But boy am I glad I put together a team for that event. It was easily the most fun I've had playing bridge in at least two years. And not just for me – my partner said the same.

I've been struggling trying to improve my

game, trying to do the right thing and frustratingly finding out how often I'm wrong. But this event I decided to just let loose and have a good time. We won most of our matches by around 20 IMPs and came in second to a pro team (which blitzed us as they did almost everyone else).

In one particularly wild round, I got myself to 6♣ doubled after the opponents bid 5♥ (both vulnerable).

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ —
♦ A Q 10 9 5
♣ A Q 9 8

♠ 5
♥ J 4
♦ J 2
♣ K J 10 7 6 5 3 2

I took the diamond finesse and went down one. Turns out it's cold, but I had my hand missorted. The ♦2 is actually the ♥2.

Our teammates, judging 6♣ was making, sacrificed in 6♥, also doubled, down one. So we were minus 200 at both tables, but still won the match handily.

Alas, this was not the only time this tournament I went down in a cold slam. Let's blame it on my tournament photographer and Trumpet editor responsibilities. It's hard to focus when you have a million things to do.

But somebody's got to do them. And not many people are volunteering.

It's hard to believe they had to ask 20 people to run for district president before **Don Marsh** reluctantly agreed. I'm glad he did — I think he'll be great. But we really need to get more people involved in bridge organization at all levels.

Be sure to check out my article in the March Bridge Bulletin on the Volunteers of the Year. **Ann Romeo** had some inspiring things to say about how we can help grow our game.

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Election notice

Regional director

The office of Region 12 director, who represents District 20 and 21 on the national ACBL board and also serves on the D20 board, is up for election for the first time this year. Duties include attending board meetings at the three NABC tournaments each year.

This is a new position under the ACBL board reorganization planned passed in 2020, reducing the number of board positions from 25 to 13.

Any ACBL member residing in D20 or D21 is eligible to run for the four-year term, 2023-26. To declare candidacy, you must send notification to ACBL at elections@acbl.org or ACBL Elections, PO Box 289, Horn Lake MS, 38637-9902.

Include your name and player number. The declaration must be received by 3 p.m. PDT May 31, 2022. If two or more declarations are received, an election will be held with the units having the vote.

Current district director Laurie Rowe is seeking election. She expects to face at least one candidate from D21.



Laurie Rowe

Deaths

Bill Beaty – 85, of Springfield OR died Nov. 15, 2021.

Pamela Brady – 69, of Nampa ID died Oct. 12, 2021.

Nancy Bowman – 87, of Eugene OR died Dec. 12, 2021.

Darrell Graham – 69, of Vancouver WA died Dec. 17, 2021.

Monica Kirk – 84, of Portland OR died June 1, 2021.

Laverne Kittilson – age unknown, of Portland OR died in February 2022.

Beth McDaniel – 82, of Ontario OR died Nov. 18, 2021.

Jeff Taylor – 80, of Eugene OR died Dec. 22, 2021.

Bob Wierman – 77, of Anderson CA died Feb. 8, 2022.



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



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NAP AND GNT

Participation down, but still higher than '19

34 teams compete in GNT

I am happy to report our 2022 Grand National Teams event is underway. In the last week of January, 34 teams started round robin play to determine our district's representatives in the four flights of our national grassroots team championship, contested at the Summer NABC in Providence.

This is a noticeable reduction from the 54 teams that competed in 2021 and the 44 teams in 2020 – the first two years of our extended round robin format. However, it is still substantially more than the 24 teams that played in 2019, when we played the event over one weekend.

In 2020 and 2021 there was no F2F bridge for players to compete in. Our round robin matches were one of the very few regionally rated events available. Now, face-to-face bridge has returned. Clubs have reopened, local units are holding sectionals, local districts are

holding regionals and the league has started holding nationals again.

I am particularly disappointed in the turnout in flight C. We only had five teams in C. With eight teams, we would have been able to send two teams to the nationals to represent us in the finals.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

These events are a great way for emerging players to learn about team play and earn the colored points needed to become a Life Master.

I am also disappointed that large parts of the district do not participate. Though we have many teams from Boise, Hawaii and the Portland-Vancouver area, we have very few from the rest of the district. With our online format, it is easy to play with players from outside your geographic area. I hope in the future we have more teams formed by players from different parts of the district getting together.

Our current format is very user-friendly. Teams arrange their own match

schedule at convenient times. At the end of round robin play, the top teams in the flight play knockout matches to determine the winner.

The matches vary from 16 to 24 deals depending on how many teams are in the flight. Over the four and a half months of play, you only have to play 96 deals in flight C, 100 deals in flight B, 112 deals in flight A, and 128 deals in the open. We only charge \$20 per team for the round robin matches. This is comparable in price to a club game, but you can win red and gold points.

North American Pairs

At the Reno nationals, the top pairs from our 2021 North American Pairs will represent us in the national finals. Our 11 pairs will battle it out with representatives from all over the league. I hope I can report on top finishes in our next issue. Club qualifying for next year's NAP starts in June and runs through August.

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District Board

Committees to review supplier contract, bylaws

Many of us have increased our tech savvy during the pandemic, though not decreased tech frustration, right? Well Zoom has become our friend here in District 20, both for pandemic reasons and because we are in so many far-flung places!

The board held its annual meeting online on Feb. 18, thereby allowing all voting members to attend and saving costs of meeting space.

President **Mike Eyer** introduced **Jill Wood**, the new Area 3 representative (Boise) and thanked **Pete Grice** for his service to the district. We all then spent time silently remembering all those whom we lost in the last year.



Jill Wood
Area 3 representative

The last meeting, Oct. 2, 2021, resulted in one passed motion: The district will abide by all covid-related rules of the locality of our tournaments.

2021 was a loss year to the tune of \$12,238, leaving reserves of \$147,520. The North American events were



Marie Ashton
Business Manager

the financial bright spots. The GNTs and NAPs had income of \$8,961 and \$2,206, respectively.

A new contract is in force with our equipment supplier, with increased costs. As explained to us, TournTables has higher expenses, and our tournaments are projected to be much smaller than in the past, resulting in a reduction of income to the company. Eyer appointed a committee of **Amy Casanova**, **Jim Wheeler** and **Jon Gustafson** to review the contract and explore alternative options with lower costs.

The board voted to honor the GNT and NAP free plays given to monitors that expired during the pandemic. They will be honored at regionals through this year at the current table fee of \$15.

It is time to review our bylaws, so Eyer appointed a committee of **Rich Carle**, **Marie Ashton** and himself to propose needed changes.

The final act of the board was to elect 2022 officers: **Don Marsh**, president, **July Ratley**, vice president, **Rich Carle**, secretary (the only incumbent) and **Dennis Harms**, treasurer.

Copies of written reports to the board are available from the business manager. Financial statements are available on the D20 website. The Zoom recording is available for review.

Marie Ashton can be reached at marieashton@comcast.net.

Play of the Hand

Choose bids wisely, listen to partner carefully

This hand was played in a seven-table online club game and only one pair got to slam, with the bidding shown.

Why? Because the other six pairs needed to fine-tune their bidding.

First, their bids should paint the most accurate picture of their hands.

And then they have to listen to what their partners are saying.

Here's what happened:

At two tables, North bid Jacoby 2NT after South opened, showing four hearts and at least game going values.

Both Souths signed off in game. Even with 16 HCP, South was understandably conservative with his lousy heart suit and the iffy value of the doubleton ♠Q J.

Use Jacoby 2NT only when you have a balanced hand and at least game values — but NOT when you have shortness. Jacoby 2NT invites partner to show HIS shortness. When YOU have it, show it. Bid the splinter, 4♦, as did this North.

One North bid 2♣, a 2/1 game force, but they didn't find slam. Show your trump support at the first opportunity. North can force to game and better describe his hand with a splinter in diamonds.

Dir: South ♠ J 4 3 2
Vul: N/S ♥ A K J 6
Lead: ♦ 4 ♦ 9
♣ A 7 5 3

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

♠ A K
♥ 10 8 7 3 2
♦ A Q 8 2
♣ Q J

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

One North bid only 3♥, showing a limit raise (10–11). Don't underbid your hand. North has 16 dummy points in support of hearts.

One South opened 1NT and didn't get past game. Don't open 1NT with a five-card major unless you have three in the other major. That way you won't miss a 5–3 fit in your five-card major when partner transfers you to your two-card major. Although it didn't matter on this hand, it's a good rule to follow.

Another North found the diamond splinter bid, but South signed off in game. When partner makes a splinter bid, he's interested in slam if you are.

Your ace covers his diamond shortness. Honor him by showing your spade stopper. Bid your first-round control (up the line). With 16 points, you owe partner a bid if you have an outside ace, in case it helps him.

In this case, it did, and after checking for key cards, North bid the cold slam, making 12 tricks after ruffing two diamonds in dummy.

West made it easy by leading a diamond. But no lead stops South.

With a spade or heart lead, South wins, cashes the ♦A, ruffs a diamond, comes back to his hand with a spade, ruffs another diamond (felling the king), cashes the top hearts, comes back to hand to finesse the ♠K, and gives up a heart to make six.

If the ♦K doesn't fall, South can ruff out his ♦Q with a high trump, still losing only the ♥Q.

If West leads a club, South lets it ride to his ♠Q J. He has to finesse West for the king anyway. And then he ruffs diamonds to make the slam.

Bidding is a way for partners to describe their hands accurately. But effective communication also requires a good listener across the table. It's an unbeatable combination.

Jim Flint is a duplicate bridge competitor and writer. He can be reached at pubathome@yahoo.com.



Jim Flint
Play of the Hand

Everyone should take this advice from Larry Cohen

By **Mike Eyer**
The Trumpet

One of the hardest lessons for players to learn is, "don't look for zebras on a western ranch," i.e., until the play of the cards or the auction indicate you might — just barely might — need to consider a "trump coup" or a "backwash squeeze" or a "winkle" or an "intra-finesse" or whatever, remember that the vast majority of hands are won — and lost — in the basics: count-

ing trumps, finding a good (or the least bad) lead and trusting your partner.

I read a (comparatively) lot of bridge books and publications. For me, two of the best — that is, most accessible to players up to the edges of expert — authors are Larry Cohen and Mike Lawrence. Larry led seminars at the Oregon Trail Regional several years ago. One of his books is "Tricks of the Trade: Strategic Thinking for Advanced Bridge," published in 2018. His chapter "Win it on Another Board" of-

fers great advice I'd recommend everyone memorize:

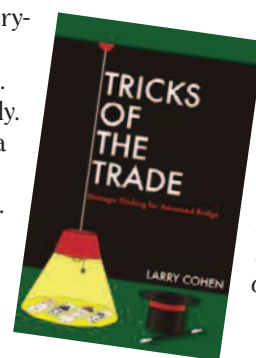
- ♦ Declarer play: don't be a genius.
- ♦ Competitive bidding: act sensibly.
- ♦ Constructive bidding: don't be a dreamer.
- ♦ Defense: honor the partnership.
- ♦ Opening leads: follow the book.

In all five areas, my basic suggestion is that you try to play boring bridge. Events are not won on the deals that make the newspapers;

they are lost by mistakes: stupid mistakes; careless mistakes; going-crazy mistakes.

The example hands for each topic are, like his writing, excellent.

Mike Eyer is former president of District 20.



DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

JUNIOR MASTERS

Scott Church, Kailua Kona HI
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Amy Lowes, Portland OR
Mary Moore, Corvallis OR
Debra Platt, Portland OR
Sterling Smith, Middleton ID

New Life Masters



Tad Kelly
Denver CO



Ken Korth
Ashland OR



Don Lycette
Bend OR



Herbert Nakagawa
Honolulu HI

Congratulations!

Life Master Milestones



Roger McNay
Beaverton OR
Grand Life Master
15,000 masterpoints
Senior Mixed Pairs (2021)



Connie Coquillette
Portland OR
Platinum Life Master
10,000 masterpoints



Jon Bartlett
Happy Valley OR
Emerald Life Master
7500 masterpoints



Linda Wiener
Vancouver WA
Diamond Life Master
5000 masterpoints

BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Chris Aaberg, Lake Oswego OR
Gary Haynie, Kailua HI
Nely Johnson, Portland OR
Tad Kelly, Denver CO
Don Lycette, Bend OR
Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR
Lynn Rosen, White Salmon WA

SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI
David Runkel, Ashland OR
Linda Smith, Corvallis OR
William Stevenson, Honolulu HI

RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Jamie Sparks, Portland OR
Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR

GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Ben Bomber, Portland OR

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
Cheryl Haines, Princeville HI
Robert Peery, Corvallis OR

DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS

Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA

EMERALD LIFE MASTERS

Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR

PLATINUM LIFE MASTERS

Connie Coquillette, Portland OR

GRAND LIFE MASTER

Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Penny Storry, Neskowin OR
Jill Thach, Kailua HI
Wendy Wiltse, Kailua HI

NABC MASTERS

Robert Derbyshire, Keauu HI
Bruce Dwiggin, Redding CA
Cyndy Sidore, Kapaa HI
Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI

ADVANCED NABC MASTERS

Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR
Bruce Hanni, Eagle ID
Rebecca Pelissero, Kula HI

Vancouver Spring Sectional

April 9-10, 2020

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratflighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD)
Novice Pairs (0-100 Stratified,
of tables permitting)
Stratified Open Pairs
NLM Pairs (0-500 Stratified)

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All pair strats determined by average MPs of pair, but *AXY, BCD* and *NLM* limits apply

Sunday, April 10, 10 a.m. & TBA

Stratflighted Swiss Teams
Flight A=5000+, Flight X=3000-5000, Flight Y=0-3000
Flight BCD: B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-300

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

*Field stratified by director based on entries

Open Strats	NLM Strats	Stratflighted Pairs	
A=2000+	A=300-500	A=4000+	B=750-1500
B=1000-2000	B=100-300	X=2000-4000	C=300-750
C=0-1000	C=0-100	Y=0-2000	D=0-300

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For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Back to basics

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Welcome!

Solidify your understanding of the concepts that come up on every single hand

Hi everyone! Thanks for stopping by the I/N Corner. Before getting started, I'd like to give a shoutout to **Margi Redden** for having done a fantastic job as the district's I/N coordinator for so many years (nine!). Thanks, Margi!

I'll hold down this corner of the paper for the next issue or two while the district completes its search for a new I/N coordinator. You may have seen me giving talks at regionals around the district – I'm the guy who shows up in funny outfits – or at least an interesting hat. Why wear the outfits? Because bridge is a game, and we play it to have fun. That's the same message I give my partner when we are going down five tricks in a freely bid game contract.

So where do we begin? As Julie Andrews once said, let's start at the very beginning – a very good place to start. Learning the latest convention (artificial bid) can be exciting, but most of bridge isn't about these artificial bids. Most of your success (or lack thereof) at the table comes down to being rock-solid (or wet-noodled) with fundamentals. Yep – fundamentals.

I see you there yawning, ready to skip over to "Ask Jeff." Hold on for a bit. Fundamentals, as the building blocks for everything else in this wonderful game, are critically important. Which fundamentals?

Well, how about:

♦ **Bidding fundamentals** such as knowing what bids mean, which bids are forcing, which bids are passable in and out of competition, etc.

♦ **Declarer play fundamentals** like knowing how to play card combinations, how to establish long suits, when to draw trump and when to avoid drawing trump

♦ **Defensive fundamentals** such as carding (signals), counting and visualization

♦ **Dummy fundamentals** did you know that dummy has some responsibilities too?

Whew! There's a lot here! Notice that I didn't say a word about bidding conventions. The above topics are relevant on every hand of bridge that you

play. Every. Single. One. Trust me – it's worth it to spend some time brushing up on at least a few of these topics. Let's take a quick look at a deal from a recent club game:

You hold:

♠ 10 4 3 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ A J 2,

and start the bidding with 1♦. Your LHO overcalls 1♠ and now partner bids 2♥.

RHO passes. What do you do?

A more fundamental question is "what do you not do?" The answer to that is "don't pass!" – but pass is exactly what

most of the players who faced this auction did. Yikes! Partner, an unpassed hand, has responded (in competition) to your opening bid with a new suit at the two level. Whether you play Standard American or 2/1, their bid shows a five-card heart suit and at least 10 points. Partner might have 12 points and you'd want to be in game. Partner might have 19 points and you'd want to be in slam. Their bid is 100% forcing for one round – you cannot pass.

The fundamental here is "a new (non-jump – see box) suit by an unpassed responder is 100% forcing." Even if you don't have a perfect bid available, you should respect partner's forcing bid and find something to say. Do the best you can – when partner sees your hand afterwards, they will realize you were stuck for a bid, but at least you kept the auction alive. It'll be a good hand to talk about over a doughnut or two after the game is done.

Have fun and see you next time!

Kevin Kacmarynski is filling in as the Trumpet's I/N columnist while the district searches for a new I/N coordinator. He can be reached at 2dragons@peak.org.

Weak jump shifts

Some people play weak jump shifts in competition, for example: 1♣-(1♥)-2♠. If you agree to play 2♠ as a weak bid, you may (and should) pass.

April 29-May 1, 2022

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Friday, April 29

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 11 am 199er Pairs (single session)
 4 pm 199er Pairs (single session)

Saturday, April 30

10 am & 3 pm Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions)
 10 am 199er Pairs (single session)
 3 pm 199er Pairs (single session)

Sunday, May 1

10 am & 2:30 pm Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions)
 10 am 749er Pairs (single session)

STRATIFICATIONS

Gold Rush and 749er Pairs: 750/300/100
 199er Pairs: 200/100/50

SEASIDE SECTIONAL

silver points

Friday, April 29

11 am Sand Dollar Open Pairs
 4 pm Crabcakes Open Pairs (single sessions)

Saturday, April 30

10 am Pacific Ocean Open Pairs (two sessions)
 & 3 pm

Sunday, May 1

10 am Gearhart Bracketed Swiss Teams (two sessions)
 & TBA

STRATIFICATIONS

Open Pairs: Open/2500/1250
 Bracketed Swiss: Bracketed by team average

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AUSTIN FALL NABC

McNay, Neyhart win Senior Mixed Pairs

By Amy Casanova and Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

“Unruffleable” isn’t a word, but if it were, in the dictionary there should be a picture of Roger McNay. Here’s a guy who comes off like he’s seen it all – read the book and watched the movie; been there, done that. Although he’s fiercely competitive, kind of a must for a serious bridge player, he doesn’t let his emotions show at the table. Partnering with Irva Neyhart, another cool-as-a-cucumber contender who twice proved in 2021 that she doesn’t just dominate local club games – she won a grueling, three-day online pair event – the duo won the Senior Mixed Pairs at the Fall NABC in Austin, Texas.

The win qualified McNay as a Grand Life Master, and Neyhart, with close to 9000 masterpoints, won’t be far behind.

The pair was strong throughout the event, starting third after the first qualifying session with 60.9% and leading after the second with 63.7%, earning a carry-over of 98.18 – almost four boards. In the final two sessions, they scored 58.5% and 50.1%, finishing with 805.50 to win by about a quarter of a board.

McNay said the lesson from their win was not to go looking for good boards after a bad start. “In every session, after about 10 boards, we were below average,” he said. “We didn’t go head-hunting. We just put our heads down and worked, and by the end we were ahead. I’m so proud of Irva. It’s so easy when you have a bad start to fall apart, and she never did.”

The last two boards of the event propelled the pair into first place. The pair were sitting East-West:

Dir: North ♠8
Vul: None ♥Q J 6 5 4
♦10 9 8
♣10 9 7 3

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

♠A K 5 4
♥9 3 2
♦J 7 4 2
♣6 2



Roger McNay and Irva Kay Neyhart won the Senior Mixed Pairs at the Fall NABC.

After 1♦-1♥; 1♠, however you choose to game-force and then confirm spades, it’s likely a cuebidding sequence will ensue. There were 10 pairs who reached an unfortunate spade slam. South, holding the A-K of trump, has not only an easy double, but a good double: they can’t run to 6NT. Roger and Irva knew not to push and settled in 5♣, making.

The last board of the event featured excellent reasoning by McNay:

Dir: East ♠K Q 9 8 4
Vul: N-S ♥J 5 4 3
♦J
♣A Q 3

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

♠10 7 6 5
♥9 2
♦A 7 6
♣J 9 5 4

West Roger	North	East Irva	South
		1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Dbl (1)	2♣
3♦	3♣	4♦	All Pass

(1) Three hearts

After South’s 2♣ bid, Roger stopped to analyze the situation. “It’s usually not right to let them play at the two level in a known fit,” explained Roger. “I know Irva has three hearts. If she only has four diamonds, then she has to be 2=3=4=4. With any other distribution, she will have at least five diamonds. So, I competed with 3♦. After they bid 3♣, Irva, holding six diamonds and hearing support from me, competed to the four level. That was a 68% board.”

Those two above-average results were enough to win the event.

“This has been a great year for me,” concluded Neyhart. “My game improved. I really studied our system notes. Roger and I have more than 40 pages of notes that were developed over the last few years. There is a group of us that play the system. Ed Lee maintains the notes.”

Hard work works

By Don Marsh
The Trumpet

Perspiration or inspiration? Are folks born with a special DNA that predisposes them to becoming great bridge players? Or is becoming a great bridge player the result of lifetime of blood, sweat, toil and a few tears along the way?

A recent conversation with Roger McNay shed some light on the subject. I had the chance to congratulate Roger on his win in the last NABC in Austin. Roger and Irva Kay Neyhart were winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs. This win is the last piece Roger needed to become a Grand Life Master. With over 15,000 masterpoints, he’s long passed the 10,000 threshold.

I shared with Roger that I had once asked McKenzie Myers to name the top five bridge players in Oregon. “Well, first there is Roger McNay!” Roger then said something interesting. “If you took the top ten bridge players in Oregon, nine of them would be smarter than me. There is a reason they are all lawyers and I was a truck driver.”

I thought that was too good a line not to get into an article.

“But I work harder and that is the difference,” Roger concluded.

I found it interesting that, even at this stage in Roger’s career, how hard he continues to work at the game.

Perhaps that is both the bad news and the good news for all of us.

The bad news: Becoming a good bridge player takes effort.

The good news: With hard work, you have a chance to become a good bridge player.

So, congratulations to Roger and Irva. The hard work has paid off. Well done.

Bidding Help

How to choose your bid with 4-5 in the minors

Members sometimes send in bidding questions to the ACBL, and sometimes these land in my inbox. Here’s one I got recently.

Q: I have five clubs, four diamonds, three spades and two hearts, and 12 points. What do I open?
— Caroline

A: The first thing you do when you pick up a hand is count your cards. If you have 14, call the director. You’ve already looked at them if you know you have five clubs, four diamonds, three spades and two hearts.

So in order for this to be a real hand, we’re going to need to take a card away somewhere. And where makes a big difference. If you take away a diamond, you’re 5-3-3-2 and you open 1♣ planning to rebid 1NT. If you take away a club, you’re 4-4-3-2 and you open either minor plan-

ning to rebid 1NT. The question seems to hinge on being 5-4 in the minors, and somewhat balanced, so I think the extra card is likely to be a spade, in which case you’re 5-4-2-2. I would once again open 1♣ planning to rebid 1NT.

The problem hand is when you have a singleton in one of the majors. If you take away a heart, you’re 5-4-3-1. Now you have a problem rebid and you need to figure out what your rebid is going to be before you can choose an opening bid. And for this we need to know more about your hand than the details provided. It matters where your 12 points are located.

Here are four possible hands that have the same pattern and same number of high-card points.

- A ♠A Q 2 ♥5 ♦J 8 5 4 ♣A J 10 9 5
- B ♠A 5 2 ♥K ♦J 8 5 4 ♣K J 7 3 2
- C ♠J 5 2 ♥5 ♦K Q J 4 ♣A J 7 3 2
- D ♠Q 5 2 ♥Q ♦K J 5 4 ♣K J 7 3 2

With hand **A**, you have a good club suit. There’s not quite six of them, but close enough. With this hand you would open 1♣ planning to rebid 2♣.

With hand **B**, you have a slight majority of your high cards concentrated in your short suits. Neither your clubs or diamonds are anything special, so you don’t want to treat this as a two-suited hand. It’s not exactly balanced, but close enough. With this hand you would open 1♣ planning to rebid 1NT.

With hand **C**, you have next to nothing in the majors. Your clubs are a little better than in B but not as good as in A. It’s not close to balanced and it’s not close to one-suited, so you do want to treat this as a two-suited hand. But you certainly don’t have the strength to reverse. The least lie you can tell is that your diamonds are equal or better than your clubs. With this hand you would open 1♦ planning to rebid 2♣.

With hand **D**, you have all of the problems and none of the solutions. If you’re a

strict point counter you can get to 12, but what you have looks to be worth a lot less. With this hand you solve the problem of what to rebid by not opening. Just pass.

Note that your plans for your rebids are based on the assumption that you will get the most likely response of your short suit, 1♥. If partner surprises you by responding 1♠, a three-card raise would become an attractive alternative to making a flawed rebid, especially on hands A and B, where you have some strength in spades.

Distorting your shape by bidding the shorter suit first can lead to silly contracts in your lesser fit when partner takes a preference to the “wrong” suit, so many players prefer to avoid that option as much as possible. But sometimes it’s the lesser of four evils.

The choice won’t always be clear, but on any hand with this problem, one of these four options will be better than the others.

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Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large



OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

May 16-22, 2022

Riverhouse on the Deschutes,
Bend, Ore.

SCHEDULE

Monday, May 16

7 pm Black Butte Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Tuesday)
7 pm Open Charity Pairs
(Broken Top Side Game Series 1 of 5)
7 pm ♦ 299er Charity Pairs

Tuesday, May 17

10 am Broken Top Side Game Series (2 of 5)
10 & 3 Black Butte Bracketed KOs (continued)
10 & 3 Open Pairs
10 & 3 ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
3 pm Broken Top Side Game Series (3 of 5)

Wednesday, May 18

10 am Broken Top Side Game Series (4 of 5)
10 am ♦ 299er Pairs
10 & 3 Mount Bachelor Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Thursday)
10 & 3 Open Pairs
10 & 3 ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
3 pm Afternoon Swiss Teams
3 pm Broken Top Side Game Series (5 of 5)

STRATIFICATIONS

Open events: Unlimited/2500/750
Open Pairs (with Gold Rush): Open/3000/1500
Gold Rush Pairs (under 750): 750/400/150
299er Pairs (under 300): 300/100/50
Bracketed Teams: Small groups by masterpoint average;
gold points in each bracket. (20 VP)
• Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP
total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or
team.
• One-bracket KO may be handicapped.
• Play two times in side game series to qualify for overall
gold points.
• Based on attendance, strats may be changed at
tournament director's discretion.

♦ Indicates I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) events

Thursday, May 19

10 am High Desert Side Game Series (1 of 6)
10 & 3 Mount Bachelor Bracketed KOs (continued)
10 & 3 Open Pairs
10 & 3 ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
3 pm High Desert Side Game Series (2 of 6)

Friday, May 20

10 am High Desert Side Game Series (3 of 6)
10 am ♦ 299er Pairs
10 & 3 Riverhouse Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Saturday)
10 & 3 Open Pairs
10 & 3 ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
3 pm Afternoon Swiss Teams
3 pm High Desert Side Game Series (4 of 6)

Saturday, May 21

10 am High Desert Side Game Series (5 of 6)
10 & 3 Riverhouse Bracketed KOs (continued)
10 & 3 Open Swiss Teams
10 & 3 Open Pairs
3 pm High Desert Side Game Series (6 of 6)

Sunday, May 22

10 & TBA Bracketed Swiss Teams
10 & TBA Fast Pairs

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.



D20 website
acbl20.org

LOCATION

Riverhouse on the Deschutes

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All rooms \$90
Cut-off date: March 31

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TABLE FEES

ACBL members, \$15; unpaid, \$19;
under age 26, \$6. Temporary memberships
available at venue.



The venue this year at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend, Ore.

Goodwill: Honorees are dedicated teachers, organizers, recruiters



Kevin Kacmarynski, Hal Montgomery and Kristin Steinmetz were honored with appointments to the Aileen Osofosky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

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teacher” and “dedicated club member” by some of his fellow players.

Tom McGuire first met Kacmarynski about 15 years ago and says in the years he’s known him, Kacmarynski finds many different avenues to get the bridge message out to players in the district and beyond. “He has taken the lead in providing lessons covering a wide variety of issues,” McGuire says. “Kevin conducted short classes at the Salem Sectional, before and between games. He also was a key player in presenting the Learn Bridge in a Day? program, as an organizer and presenter.”

Kacmarynski himself says he loves teaching because it makes him happy to be able to help others succeed. “It seemed natural to share my love for the game with others and perhaps help to accelerate the bridge learning curve (which can be quite steep) for less-experienced players by sharing some of the things I’ve learned along the way,” he says. “This is why I make myself available for questions and discussion topics before the games I direct as well as give talks at several regionals around the district.”

Irva Neyhart has also witnessed Kacmarynski’s efforts in going above and beyond for his community. When asked what sorts of things he’s done for the Salem unit, she said: “Teaching, mentoring new players, positive attitude at the bridge club and being a dedicated club member.”

According to McGuire, Kacmarynski has also served as club manager for the Salem Bridge Club. “When personal issues forced me to give up my duties as the Unit 490 correspondent to the Trumpet, Kevin stepped up and took over the writing chores,” McGuire explains.

Beyond his give-back efforts, McGuire says Kacmarynski is also a highly sought-after partner. “He’s astutely knowledgeable about the game and is a delight to play with,” says McGuire. “I have been fortunate to have partnered with him; we have had winning efforts in regional knockouts and Swiss teams and sectional pairs and Swiss teams.” But that’s not all for McGuire. “He’s also a delightful person to know away from the table. Convivial could be his middle name.”

But the most fun part of seeing Kacmarynski at the bridge table may just be catching him in costume, as he’s known to do from time to time. Why dress as a jester to play cards? “Bridge rule number 1 for me is, bridge is a game — we play it to have fun. That is always rule No. 1,” he explains. “That means I get to dress up in silly outfits and remind people that we’re playing a game and it’s OK to enjoy it.”

So how does this fun-loving do-gooder feel about receiving this honor? “Being named to the national Goodwill Committee has been a dream of mine for a long time,” Kacmarynski says. “I thought that

perhaps if I was lucky, it might be something that would happen to me in the far-distant future. I never dreamed it would happen this soon. I admit that I teared up a bit when I heard the news. It’s been a long time since I happy-cried.”

Hal Montgomery

Our next goodwill recipient is the district’s North American events coordinator who runs the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams. Laurie Rowe, District 20 director, says Hal Montgomery is a person who will promote the things he believes in, and he believes in promoting bridge. So, it’s not surprising that he often goes out of his way, taking on additional roles and working to bring new players into the game.

According to Rich Carle, Montgomery took over as the North American Events Coordinator for District 20 in 2015 and then in 2020 initiated a format for the GNT that has been extremely popular and successful. “It’s a year-long commitment that escalates during the preparation and execution period of both the NAP and GNT. Not quite a full-time job during those periods but is close to it,” Carle explains. “He works tirelessly to recruit players, especially the less-experienced ones, to form teams or pairs for the grassroots events.”

Mike Eyer has noticed Montgomery’s efforts (and Carle’s too), in this capacity, saying both have kept the GNT/NAP events going through the pandemic. “D20’s on-line system, which they created, has been used as a model for other districts around the country,” Eyer notes.

Montgomery himself says he is happy to be recognized for the work he’s done as NAE coordinator. “Many players have the wrong idea about these events. They think they are for the top players,” Montgomery says. “Really these events are for the emerging players. There is nowhere else where you can play against so many others of your own achievement level. In these events you can win all the colored points you need and get a chance to represent your district at the nationals.”

Montgomery said he knew this district would be difficult in terms of administering the NAP and GNT. “There are five states with four hours of difference and the Pacific Ocean between the east and west,” he says. “It makes it hard to get players together in one place to have a fair competition. We thought that we might be able to have a fair competition using BBO.” Montgomery says there were many hurdles in getting this effort off the ground and hopes to have more players (especially emerging players) competing in the future.

It was certainly a heavy lift on his end, but Montgomery feels it’s his duty as a bridge player to give back. “I have always

thought that those of us who have benefited from the game should give back to it. I volunteered to help on the NAE committee because I had enjoyed playing in these events for many years and because these events were in decline in our district,” he says.

Beyond his work as the NAE coordinator, Montgomery is also known for his efforts in teaching and recruiting new players. According to Carle, he started directing and teaching classes at the Vancouver Bridge Club just before the pandemic hit. “He has continued directing the virtual club online and frequently substitutes for other directors when they are unavailable. I know he wants to further interest in bridge for the newbies through teaching and/or supervised play but that has been problematic in the current circumstances.”

Eyer notes Montgomery’s efforts in recruiting players and teams as well, saying it’s been a big success. “Creating something from nothing as they did is quite an accomplishment. During these years they have handled several ‘sticky’ situations with aplomb,” Eyer says.

Montgomery says he enjoys passing on his love for the game. “Bridge is a fascinating game. I have enjoyed trying to share my enthusiasm with new players,” he says.

“One of the things I tell all my classes is that in bridge, unlike any other competitive activity that I know of, you will have the chance to play against the best in the world. You can even do well against the best players part of the time. Can you imagine getting to play against Nadal, or Djokovic, or LeBron or Tom Brady in an event that mattered? In bridge you can.”

So how is Montgomery as a player? Carle says when he first met him many years ago, he thought Montgomery was a bit gruff and inaccessible. “Now I know that he is caring and approachable. His demeanor has changed for the better and I think he works at improving it,” Carle says. “As a player, he is considered an expert. But he is deferential, always taking responsibility for a poor performance even if his own play was solid.”

And while Montgomery says he has thanked those who nominated him for this honor, there is one person he wishes he could share it with. “I would like to have been able to talk to Jeff Taylor about becoming a Goodwill member. He was an influential bridge playing friend who recently passed away,” he says. “He helped smooth out many of my rough edges. I miss being able to share this with him.”

Kristin Steinmetz

Finally, we round things out with the president of the Portland unit: Kristin Steinmetz. According to Paul Walker, tournament coordinator for the Portland unit

and also vice president, she is nothing if not passionate about bridge. “Kristin sees how bridge can build relationships and community,” Walker says. One of her biggest efforts in this realm is bringing new players into the game.

“Kristin took numerous classes in bridge and eventually became a qualified bridge instructor focused on novice and intermediate bridge joiners,” Walker explains. “She developed and ran a bridge promotion at Lloyd Center mall where many people could simply walk in and learn about and play a little bridge. To pull this off, she recruited numerous bridge players to support this community outreach on behalf of bridge.” Walker says Steinmetz has also hosted learning sessions at senior centers and even middle schools, saying she has plans to do more education and marketing when the pandemic is over.

Why go to such lengths to bring new members in? Steinmetz says she was asked early on to join the unit board, and in doing so, felt they could be doing so much more than just putting on sectionals. “So I have been trying to steer some of the focus to finding new players, or current players who might want to be part of something bigger/community as well as supporting the current bridge community,” she explains. “I reached out to the community college and got bridge added to their extension class catalog and also reached out to some of the community centers who were willing to let us start some bridge classes at their facilities.”

Her proactive efforts in bridge education became essential when covid shut down clubs. Steinmetz reached out to find volunteers who could help some of the older members learn how to play online. “Luckily we have a growing group of board members and beyond who are also interested in these initiatives and willing to be part of this growing focus,” she says. Steinmetz will soon be extending her efforts to those who have recently completed beginner bridge lessons “to help them learn the ropes of the bridge world and welcome them into the community.”

Beyond her education efforts, Steinmetz actively takes on leadership roles within her bridge community, notably as unit president. “It is a pleasure to work alongside Kristin in her capacity as a leader,” Walker says.

When asked what makes her want to go above and beyond just playing the game of bridge, Steinmetz says she fell in love with the community and the players. That coupled with her strong business background compelled her to leverage her skills to support her local bridge community. Her favorite part of being part of such a tight knit group? “I love bridge! But definitely the people – the club owners, the players, the other board members – everyone!”

In Memoriam

Jeffrey Taylor

April 7, 1941–Dec. 22, 2021

Jeffrey “Jeff” Taylor passed away in his sleep Dec. 22, 2021, at the age of 80.

He served as District 20’s representative on the ACBL board from 2005 to 2010 and as district president in 2011–12 and another term in the early 2000s. He was a Platinum Life Master with more than 14,000 masterpoints, and in 2014 he won the Super Senior Pairs – the only NABC event without a point restriction that doesn’t qualify the winners to become Grand Life Masters.

Jeff Taylor was one of the most accomplished and talented bridge players in District 20. He gave back to the bridge community not only in his service to local and national boards, but by setting a goal to play with everyone at the Emerald Bridge Club in Springfield, Ore.

“The Eugene-Springfield bridge community, District 20 and the bridge world at large lost one of its giants with Jeff’s passing,” said Don Marsh, owner of EBC. “Yes, we all know that Jeff could be a bit cantankerous at times. It is also true that there was no greater ambassador for the game, and you could not have a better friend than Jeff. For us locals, it is a struggle to imagine going forward without Jeff.”

Laurie Rowe, current District 20 Director, was a frequent partner of Taylor’s. “Jeff and I often traveled to tournaments together and on most occasions listened to sports talk or Duck games while driving. While Jeff was a fabulous bridge player, he also enjoyed gardening, attending sporting



Jeff Taylor

events, playing tennis and had over 1500 scuba dives,” Rowe noted.

Jeff’s many interests and passions brought him a wide circle of friends. Chief among those was his love of bridge. He served on the ACBL’s Charity

and Goodwill committees along with his roles at the district and unit levels, also volunteering as an analyst for Emerald Bridge Club’s Real Time Bridge events.

Former District 20 Director Merlin Vilhauer and his wife, Marilyn, have fond memories of Taylor.

“Over the years I worked with Jeff on the D20 board and then he mentored me as I took over for him as the D20 representative for the ACBL board. If you know Jeff well, you will have a keen supporter in life and in bridge. He was one of my favorite partners and he taught me a lot about the game.”

Merlin went on to note that Marilyn loved working with Jeff when she was tournament manager for District 20. Jeff was always helpful and supported Marilyn’s efforts to have Seaside become a regional event. “Jeff said having Seaside as a yearly regional was one of their biggest accomplishments; he would have told you it was his idea and Marilyn will say she was already begging the convention center to

teric and wry. Many, many people in the bridge community reached out. A common refrain was that they hoped they could play on a team with him due to his wonderful sense of humor and the fact that he is a strong bridge player. His collection of coffee mugs, pins and fancy highball and gimlet glasses – all earned at various tournaments – confirms this fact.

Not only was his company enjoyed, but he was also considered a man of true integrity, and a gentleman. He was one of the few men who was capable of deep friendship with a woman. He had a way of making people feel welcome. He took friendship seriously and hopes you know how much your friendship meant to him over the years.

One of Bob’s favorite pastimes, besides bridge, was music. He had discriminating taste, but if it made the cut – meeting his auditory expectations – it got collected,



Bob Wierman

played and thoroughly enjoyed. He also loved the television shows “The Big Bang Theory” and “Firefly,” which the lucky few got to enjoy immersed in his home theater. He had a deep interest in astronomy and all things physics, to that end he could be counted on to attract your attention with his magnet collection.

Many members of Bob’s family rallied to see him in his fading days. Lovingly called Uncle Bigfoot and/or Uncle Grandpa, he meant so much to them. And they meant so much to him. Flowers surrounded him to the end, which is perfect as his mother firmly believed “you can never have too many flowers.”

You, Bob Wierman, are a rare treat! Loved and cared for by so many. You have given us all such a range of gifts. We want to thank you for all of them. You are in our memories, thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, dear one. You will be missed.

save dates for her.” Either way, they had a strong affection for each other.

Jeff also contributed to regional daily bulletins as the infamous “Hideous Hog,” providing humorous predictions as to who would win knockout events.

He was born in New Brunswick, NJ, and attended Oberlin College in Ohio where he received a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. He later met the love of his life, Linda, and became a lifelong Ducks fan while studying for his master’s at the University of Oregon. Linda and Jeff married in 1966 and had two children.

Jeff taught science, math and computers for the next 35 years in Oregon, Australia and the Marshall Islands, a location he had in common with former ACBL president Craig Robinson, with whom he won the Super Senior Pairs in 2014.

“I spent two and a half years there working for RCA,” said Robinson. “After our stay overseas, we both were on the ACBL board of directors. We became good friends and bridge partners. At the 18 NABCs we attended together, we always tried to get at least one game in, and we did quite well.

“Jeff was a good friend, and I will miss him. He was a family man and Linda and the kids and grandchildren were the center of his life.”

Jeff returned to Eugene where he taught part time at Umpqua and Lane Community Colleges. He also ran a successful tax business which he only retired from in 2020.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Linda, their children, Kathleen and Russ, his sister, Barbara, and six grandchildren.

Laverne Kittilson

Laverne Kittilson of Portland died in February. As of press time, details were not known.

Laverne was a formidable player but always pleasant and kind at the table. She was an effective teacher and a sought-after partner. When my dad was introducing me to the game, he’d always say, “Laverne’s rule!” which was: always lead face down before writing the score on your scorecard.



Laverne Kittilson

Here are tributes from three of Laverne’s many friends.

John Ashton: In October 1971, I was transferred from Nome, Alaska, to Portland by Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). My work assignment was in the courthouse located downtown. I knew no one in Portland, but soon found that the Portland Bridge Club was about a block away. I stopped by to introduce myself.

The director was Millie Hopkins, who, I quickly noticed, offered egg salad sandwiches for a nominal contribution. One of her players, Laverne Kittilson, had her partner cancel their game at the last minute and agreed to have me fill in to keep the game even.

We had a winning game and I found both a longtime friend and a locale offering affordable lunches! I distinctly remember Laverne introducing me to all of the opponents. I am sure that most of them were put off by my long hair and slovenly appearance, but Laverne’s approval was testament enough to earn approval from most of the field.

Laverne was a fine player. In the ‘70s, she and her usual partner, Alice Herndon, were a respected pair who were favorites in all of the Women’s Pairs events held at local tournaments. She later gave very popular lessons.

She will truly be missed.

Irene Pickett: When I moved the Ace of Clubs to the Cedar Hills shopping center, Laverne asked what she could do to help. I hired her as my bridge instructor; she was fantastic, the students loved her. She was the nicest, kindest player at the table and was always up for a drink after the game to hang out. At potlucks and parties, you could always count on Laverne to bring her famous deviled eggs.

Donna Braniff: Laverne was very unique. She was an extremely good bridge player, everybody knows that. She would play with anybody you asked her to. She never had a bad word to say about anybody. We loved her.

Marsh: New president sets out assessing district organization, volunteer base

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than answers about his new position, he intends to assess what needs to be done to strengthen the district and get to work trying to make it happen. “I’m not comfortable being a placeholder,” he said.

Among his concerns is the stability of the district organization as it continues to depend on a few people who have been in key roles for many years.

“I worry about the institutional knowledge that is aging out,” he said. “How much longer can we count on Marie Ashton? Or Rich Carle?” who wears many, many hats at the club, unit and district levels. “What do we do when we continue to burn out volunteers?”

Another concern is the district’s financial position after drawing on reserves down to \$147,000 – well short of the \$200,000 recommended for being in a good position to

negotiate hotel contracts. “The board has to maintain fiscal responsibility,” he said.

Another is the ACBL-wide issue of finding a mesh between online and face-to-face bridge. Smaller clubs across the ACBL and in District 20 have struggled as the market for bridge has come to be dominated by a few online mega-clubs, such as the Southeast/Knox club in Knoxville, Tenn., Silvana Morici’s Alliance Bridge Club in New York, Duncan Bridge Center in Palm Springs and Bridge Academy of North Dallas, each of whom grew by orders of magnitude since the onset of the pandemic.

“The Silvana Moricis of the world understood what was happening and ACBL didn’t,” when the virtual club platform was constructed, Marsh said. Though the intent was to prevent clubs from being forced to compete in a continentwide marketplace, there was a loophole. “They

drove a Mack truck through it.”

A limit on the number of visitors from outside a club’s member base was supposed to protect the small, medium and large clubs alike, but it was not enforced for over a year, and the largest clubs accepted multitudes of visitors. Now that the ACBL is belatedly enforcing the policy in hopes of protecting the survival of bridge everywhere and the face-to-face clubs that keep it going in most places, they are catching flak from players who feel entitled to play anywhere.

“The reality is the marketplace determines it,” Marsh said. “Bigger games attract bigger games and smaller games get smaller. I don’t see how we could control where people play. It’s Main Street vs. Walmart.”

Is there much Marsh can do about any of this, even the issues closer to home?

“I’m not sure,” he said. “I will take a shot at it.”



Don Marsh

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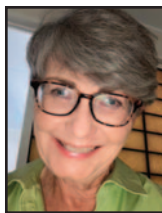


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District 20 Mini-McKenney winners for 2021



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Cindy Vanover



Nancy Garboden



Robert Derbyshire



Dennis Viner



Debbie Ayars



Gary Haynie



Bill Stevenson



Carol Davies



Louis Beauchet

0-5

1. Jan Collins, Portland OR 25
2. Carol Stams, Honolulu HI 24
3. Lois Jones, Ashland OR 16
4. Georgia French, Veneta OR 13
5. Russ Dodd, Meridian ID 13
6. George Dzundza, Netarts OR 11
7. Terry Rawlin, Corvallis OR 10
8. Astrid Cousins, Truckee CA 9
9. Julie Caley, Anderson CA 8
10. Alison Smith, Corvallis OR 8

5-20

1. Cindy Vanover, Kailua HI 85
2. Rich Frankenfield, Corvallis OR 41
3. Bob Russell, Portland OR 34
4. Patricia Summerton, Corvallis OR 32
5. Michael Donnelly, Long Beach WA 30
6. Wanda Scheer, Ontario OR 30
7. Dale Scheer, Ontario OR 30
8. Carol Hicks, Meridian ID 26
9. Bob Speaker, Corvallis OR 19
10. Dianne Jones, Truckee CA 19

20-50

1. Nancy Garboden, Eugene OR 59
2. Douglas Goelz, Long Beach WA 51
3. Jan Burnham, Chico CA 45
4. Susan Ford, Philomath OR 40
5. Dave Knoyle, Longview WA 39
6. Mary Kessler, Lake Oswego OR 36
7. Glenda Anderson, Springfield OR 35
8. Brian Anderson, Springfield OR 35
9. Kristi Crowell, Eugene OR 35
10. Richard Crist, Marylhurst OR 34

50-100

1. Robert Derbyshire, Keaau HI 126
2. Randy Forrest, Kelso WA 90
3. Keith Crudgington, Eugene OR 87
4. Sterling Smith, Middleton ID 84
5. Carol Schaafsma, Eugene OR 83
6. Donald Milligan, Corvallis OR 77
7. Kevin Campbell, Corvallis OR 76
8. Ellen Reuler, Portland OR 70
9. Wendy Wiltse, Kailua HI 70
10. Andrzej Proskurowski, Eugene OR 68

100-200

1. Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI 230
2. Michelle Nordyke, Honolulu HI 182
3. Stephen Bartholomew, Keaau HI 152
4. Helena Cence, Honolulu HI 146
5. Thomas Ahern, Wilsonville OR 124
6. Cyndy Sidore, Kapaa HI 118
7. Stephen Jackson, Salem OR 113
8. Ali Nice, Eugene OR 111
9. Susan Jackson, Salem OR 110
10. Martin Nice, Eugene OR 107

200-300

1. Deborah Ayars, Waipahu HI 247
2. Jared Jenkins, Boise ID 213
3. Chuck Lunson, Aiea HI 204
4. Rebecca Pelissero, Kula HI 202
5. Care Parker, Portland OR 195
6. Jane Waldron, Walnut Creek CA 152
7. Alice Kaye Guyer, Boise ID 138
8. John Seibert, Portland OR 121
9. David R. Oliver Jr., Trinidad CA 116
10. Linda Bithell Oliver, Trinidad CA 116

300-500

1. Gary Haynie, Kailua HI 457
2. David Ouyang, Waianae HI 305
3. Dorsie Glen, Kihei HI 205
4. Sheryl Williams, Portland OR 170
5. Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR 167
6. Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR 165
7. Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR 156
8. Paul Walker, Oregon City OR 146
9. Joanne Ruyle, Portland OR 138
10. Tad Kelly, Denver CO 133

500-1000

1. William Stevenson, Honolulu HI 504
2. Daniel Berman, Honolulu HI 231
3. Sharon Sandell, Makaha HI 214
4. Noeline Myers, Corvallis OR 187
5. Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR 176
6. Evelyn St. Clair, Sun City West AZ 159
7. Duane St. Clair, Sun City West AZ 158
8. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 158
9. Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR 151
10. Clyde Coon, Boise ID 145

1000-1500

1. Carol Davies, Kamuela HI 237
2. Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA 216
3. Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA 184
4. Cheryl Glaza, Kaneohe HI 175
5. Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA 165
6. Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR 162
7. Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR 152
8. Randy Naef, McMinnville OR 151
9. Richard Rodeman, Vancouver WA 145
10. Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR 144

1500-2500

1. Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR 477
2. Ben Bomber, Portland OR 326
3. Cliff Allen III, Camas WA 226
4. Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI 196
5. Martie Wright, Honolulu HI 192
6. Martin Leftik, Honolulu HI 189
7. Steven Vorenkamp, Portland OR 185
8. Jim Wiser, Portland OR 185
9. Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR 163
10. William Wood, Meridian ID 163



Amy Casanova

2500-3500

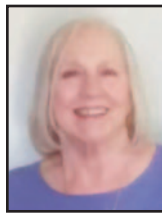
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8. Loring Harkness III, Kilauea HI 191



Dennis Harms

3500-5000

1. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 337
2. Edward Lee, Portland OR 287
3. Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI 279
4. John Gram, Boise ID 230
5. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 226
6. Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI 205
7. Duane Christensen, Boise ID 201
8. Jim Cheney, Hilo HI 197



Ann Rickard

5000-7500

1. Ann Rickard, Chico CA 406
2. Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR 266
3. Jean Choi, Honolulu HI 243
4. David Brower, Portland OR 212
5. Ian Martindale, Boise ID 211
6. Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI 198
7. Charlene Martindale, Boise ID 194
8. Steven Drew, McMinnville OR 154



Irva Kay Neyhart

7500-10,000

1. Irva Neyhart, Portland OR 1241
2. John Ashton, Portland OR 407
3. Michael Oechsler, Chico CA 406
4. Richard Carle, Longview WA 405
5. Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR 354
6. Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID 289
7. Garth Gregory, Chico CA 289
8. J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA 283



Roger McNay

Over 10,000

1. Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 377
2. Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR 335
3. Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR 321

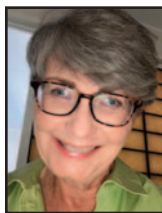
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2. Treyson Sherk, Springfield OR 4
3. Emily Hull, McMinnville OR 1

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Dileep Bal

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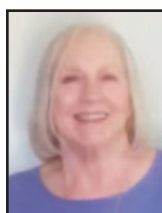
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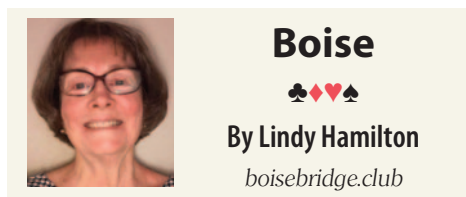
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5. Romy Gerould, Garden City ID 395
6. Stephen Nafus, Boise ID 390

AROUND THE UNITS

Boise elects unit board, holds sectional, seeks club space

Unit 394 welcomes 2022. Our club, the Boise Bridge Cooperative, hosts one face-to-face game every Tuesday at the Maple Grove Grange at 12:30. The club owners, Kay Read, Daryl Sallaz and Judy Stauffer, continue to seek a new bridge site while dealing with covid restrictions. They offer online games Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:30.

Bridge players in the Treasure Valley want to get back to the table. Our Christmas unit party and game in December had 68 members attend. Four members were nominated and voted to serve on the unit board. They are **Pat Armstrong**, **Kathy Downen**, **Sue Hanni** and **Suzanne St. Thomas**.



Boise
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By Lindy Hamilton
boisebridge.club

Pete Grice, outgoing District 20 representative, presented **John Gram** a certificate of appreciation for his work as tournament director. John has retired from directing for the ACBL. We are happy to have him in our unit and club.

Unit 394 also elected new officers for 2022: **Lindy Hamilton**, president; **Sue Hanni**, vice president; **Michael Rohm**, treasurer; **Pat Armstrong**, secretary; **Carol**



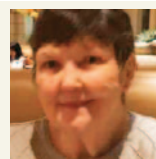
Michael Rohm, Sue Hanni, Carol Holmes, Lindy Hamilton, Kay Alspaugh and Suzanne St. Thomas.

Holmes, membership; **Kathy Downen**, tournaments; and **Suzanne St. Thomas**, hospitality. We all thank **Jill Wood**, **Gene Gerard** and **Kay Boss** for their service and support of bridge.

Unit 394 sponsored a tournament, the Sweetheart Sectional, in February. It was

held at the Red Lion downtown. The tournament drew 75 tables, which was 61% of 2019 – relatively high compared to fall 2021 tournaments.

We are optimistic a new normal will be found. Duplicate bridge will definitely be a part of it.



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By Billie Willis

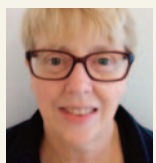
Plans uncertain: lessons, tourney

Our club has been playing in-person again for the past few months, after about a year of being closed down. It was like old home week when we met for the first time!

During this past year, we were very sad to have lost three of our longtime players who were an integral part of our club. **Dolores Echanis**, **LaVaughna Cary** and **Beth McDaniel** all passed away during 2021 and are missed terribly.

The board is still hoping to get Easy-bridge lessons restarted. Many of those who were attending when covid stopped the classes are still interested in coming back.

It is uncertain at this time whether we will try to schedule a sectional this year.



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club
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By Debbie Grasham

Club donates \$600, elects officers

Happy new year from Tri-City Bridge! We're back to playing in person Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. We're averaging three to five tables and if you are ever in town, your first visit is free!

We recently held our annual election. Our new officers are: **Kirk Roberts**, president, **Carol Hanft**, vice president, **Valerie Albi**, treasurer/secretary. We also made our charity donations: \$300 to the senior center, \$200 to the local food bank and \$100 to the Humane Society.

Central Oregon Coast

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The Central Oregon Coast unit has not fallen into the ocean, as far as we know. The southern clubs in Bandon and North Bend continue to meet while the northern clubs in Newport and Lincoln City remain closed.

Breckenridge tops new unit; classes offered

Another pandemic year has gone by with only one face-to-face game restarted in Unit 484 last July. But with the pooling of small clubs and a growing number of players feeling comfortable playing online, there has been plenty of lively, competitive bridge for duplicate fans. All that and table counts are up.

Unit 484 members play in local club games Monday through Saturday, all on BBO except for a weekly F2F game on Tuesdays.

The 2021 Mini-McKenney races are over. At this writing, the results are unofficial. But as of Jan. 6, a newcomer to the unit, **Brian Breckenridge** of Jacksonville, tops the list of masterpoint winners with 182.68. **Jim Flint** (160.93), **Dennis Kendig** (151.68) and **Bob Scott** (149.70) were not far behind.

Mini-McKenney race totals include online club, regional, and national game points, but do not include points earned in other ACBL-sanctioned games on BBO or any other online venue.

Following are the Unit 484 Mini-McKenney winners for the various rank categories, along with the number of masterpoints they earned in 2021.

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Lois Jones, 15.59; (5-20) Chris Donchin, 15.85; (20-50) Suzanne Rhudy, 33.72; (50-100) Cheryl Cullen, 30.48; (100-200) George Oliphant, 30.94; (200-300) Sandy Davie, 96.05; (300-500) Kay Bain, 69.31; (500-1000) David Runkel, 73.83; (1000-1500) Kendig, 151.68; (1500-2500) Bob Valine, 88.46; (2500-3500) Flint, 160.93; (3500-5000) Breckenridge, 182.68.

Only Kendig and Breckenridge made



Breckenridge



Jackson County
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By Jim Flint
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the top 10 of the District 20 rankings in their categories, Kendig seventh and Breckenridge 10th. But several other Unit 484 players placed in the top 20 in the district.

In the 0-5 group, Doug McKenzie (ranked 12); 5-20, Donchin (11); 20-50, Rhudy (11); 200-300, Davie (17), Ken Korth (18); 1000-1500, Jerry Kenefick (12); 2500-3500, Flint (18); 3500-5000, Scott (16).

Silver lining

David Runkel, a long-time Ashland bridge player, recently passed the 1000-masterpoints mark to achieve the rank of Silver Life Master. He won his category in the Unit 484 Mini-McKenney race with 73.83 masterpoints in 2021.

Runkel is a retired journalist and congressional staffer. He and his late wife, Deedie, owned and operated Anne Hathaway's B&B and Garden Suites in Ashland before selling in order to fully retire.



David Runkel

Coast-bound

Doug McKenzie, 2021 president of Unit 484, and his wife, **Susan Alston**, have left the fires and smoke behind and relocated to Bend. The move is temporary while they build a house on an ocean-view lot they purchased last year in Bandon, Ore.

The bridge community will miss their enthusiasm for local bridge and their support for the unit.

Bridge classes

Gee Gee and **Bob Valine** started two bridge classes for area players on Jan. 29 — one on declarer play and another for beginners. Both classes were scheduled for eight-week runs, ending on March 19.

"If there is interest, we'll start another series for the beginners on competitive play," Gee Gee said, "to take them to the next level."

The classes are held at the Talent Library on Saturdays, the declarer play class from 1 to 3 p.m. and the beginners' class from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Valines, who are team-teaching the classes, charge a fee of \$80 for each eight-week series. The Carol Kato Educational Grant received by the unit from the Carol Kato estate funds \$50 of each fee, with players ponying up the \$30 balance.

The class on declarer play filled up early (five tables) with a wait list. At this writing in mid-January, the beginning bridge class still had openings. Players can register for classes and get more information by writing Gee Gee at ggwalker@gmail.com.

In addition to the classes, the pair is conducting practice sessions for students before the weekly Tuesday F2F unit games at the Masonic Center in Medford.



Gee Gee and Bob Valine
Offering bridge classes

Filling in for Phillip Alder once a week

By Jim Flint
The Trumpet

As most Unit 484 members know, yours truly writes a weekly bridge column for the Sunday Medford Mail Tribune daily newspaper. I also provide a weekly list of local winners the newspaper adds to the syndicated bridge column that runs on Friday.

Players enjoy reading a local column about hands played at club games, and it helps promote local bridge.

I have freelanced for the local daily since I moved to Ashland 12 years ago in retirement. The column got its start when the editor emailed me, asking if I knew anybody who could write a bridge column once a week, because their syndicated columnist, Phillip Alder, provided only six

columns per week.

Yes, I *did* know somebody who could write such a column.

My column ran on Saturday for about three years, but when the newspaper switched to four days in print and three days online only, they switched my column to Sunday. I lobbied for that since the Saturday edition was electronic only. And, as an old newspaper editor and publisher, I wanted my column in a *print* edition. (OK, I admit, I'm old school.)

They were hesitant at first, not knowing if the syndicate would approve, until I pointed out to them that Alder's column was really intended for Monday through Saturday, even though the Mail Tribune published his column Sunday through Friday instead.

How did I know? Because several times the production crew in advertantly used Alder's hand diagram with my column.

Needless to say, my column and his diagram didn't make much sense together.

Why did it happen? Because Alder's hand diagram had, in very small print, the column's date noted in the upper right-hand corner. The Alder column they used on Sundays was really his Saturday column.

Instead of using my hand diagram for my Saturday column, a few times they grabbed Alder's Sunday hand diagram because it had the Saturday date stamped on it.

That clinched the sale, and since then I've enjoyed having my column featured in the Sunday paper. And those columns make much more sense with the correct hand diagrams included.

AROUND THE UNITS

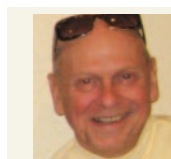
Eugene mourns three; hopes to return to F2F in March

In what is becoming an all too frequent pattern, we report the passing of more members of our community. In the last issue, we reported on Leigh Wells. Sadly, we have lost three of our valued friends since then – **Nancy Bowman**, **Bill Beaty** and **Jeff Taylor**.

Nancy was one of my earliest bridge partners, dating back some 50 years or more, when we were still playing “party bridge.” She was quite an accomplished individual and a very doting grandmother. Her favorite expression at the bridge table when things did not go well was, “Rats!”

Bill Beaty, along with his wife Gwen, was a world traveler, having visited over 60 countries. Bill was a born traveler and adventurer, and he always said that he would begin to get depressed when he was returning home from a trip. He was also an extraordinary handyperson, doing lots of projects for many of the folks in our community. He was a dear friend, and he is sorely missed. We extend our condolences and thoughts to Gwen.

And, of course, **Jeff Taylor**. Jeff is profiled elsewhere in this issue. We have lost one of the giants of the bridge world, not just locally but nationally as well. Jeff gave generously of his time and his expertise. There will be a memorial held in the spring or summer and that event will be a fundraiser for Jeff’s favorite charity, Food for Lane County.



Eugene/ Springfield



By Don Marsh

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The Emerald Bridge Club has gone all virtual once again. The club expects to resume F2F play two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30) around the beginning of March. We all know how fluid everything is right now, so who knows for sure what is down the road.

The unit is hoping to be able to hold at least a scaled-down version of its annual election party sometime in late March. Discussion has also begun as to whether it is going to be feasible to hold our sectional the first week of June. The incredible playing site that we are fortunate to have access to, Bushnell University gymnasium, may not be available.

The good news, at least at the moment of writing this piece, is that the current wave of the pandemic seems to be subsiding and the prospects of a return to some sort of “normalcy” looms on the horizon.

Clearly, we are all searching for that “new normal” in all aspects of our lives, not just bridge. What’s the Chinese curse? “May you live in interesting times.” I believe we qualify.

Sectional attendance begins upward trend in Portland

Unit 487 held a successful restart of face-to-face sectional play the weekend of Jan. 28–30. With the cooperation of the Portland Bridge Club and access to affordable rental space from the Portland Chess Center, we hosted six sessions of competitive play. As is typical, Friday and Saturday participation was high, while Sunday team play was a bit lower.

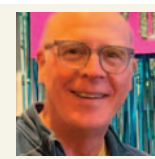
Some highlights of the January Sectional:

At least 133 players earned silver points over the course of the tournament.

Roger McNay (20.07), **Amy Casanova** (19.84) and **Jamie Sparks** (17.29) were the leading points winners for the weekend.

Over the course of the weekend, we hosted 130.5 tables. For perspective, this attendance is about 54% of our last in-person tournament. While this may seem low, we understand from the ACBL that most sectionals around the country have been experiencing turnout in the 30–45% range compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Our director-in-charge, **Jeff Jacob**, congratulated the unit and the participants for a great weekend of bridge, noting this sectional was among the most successful in the country since the onset of the pandemic.



Portland



By Paul Walker

www.acbld20.org/unit487

So, the unit board is encouraged, and we have already applied for a sanction for a summer sectional, tentatively set for the weekend of June 24–26. Based on the experience in January, we will be returning to this location format in June.

The unit will also be hosting an election game in late March or early April, details TBD.

The participants were happy to be out and playing, the rooms were full of competitive energy, and everyone was attentive to the health and safety guidelines we had established. The unit wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation to the contestants, the directors, and the staff of the Portland Bridge Club for this successful return to sectional play. We look forward to more competition in the months to come.

Laverne Kittilson of Portland died in February. Not much was known. See page 9 for an obituary.

Salem elects club board, recognizes race winners

To paraphrase a witty comment I heard recently: As you are doing your spring cleaning, be sure to unsubscribe from other people’s drama and negativity. That’s a great plan for the bridge table as well! Remember that bridge is a game, and we play it to have fun. That should always be rule number one. All those things that drive differences between us should take a hike so that we can just play cards and enjoy the game.

Comings and goings

The unit says goodbye to **Jeanne Deravee**, who heads to other pastures. While no new members joined us in the last quarter, we’re very grateful for everyone who has stuck around through the pandemic! We hope to see you soon!

Election results

Salem Bridge Club held annual elections for its board of directors in December. Congratulations (and thank you!) to new board members **Shirley Layne** and **Jeff Nevins**. In addition, SBC President **Paul Graham** was re-elected to the board. We’d also like to thank outgoing members **Zina Galaka** and **Susan Palmer** for their service.

So where can we play?

Games are currently available both on Bridge Base Online and at the local clubs. Oak Valley Bridge Club hosts face-to-face games on Monday afternoons in McMinnville while Salem Bridge Club offers limited games on Wednesday mornings (499er), Thursday evenings (299er), and an open game on Friday afternoon. Covid vaccinations are required to play at any of these face-to-face games.

For those wishing to play from the comfort of their homes, a joint McMinnville-



Salem



By Kevin Kacmarynski

www.salembridgeclub.org

Salem game is offered every Tuesday evening at 6:30 on BBO. Both OVBC and SBC remain participating members in the Mid-Valley Online Bridge Club which offers open games on Monday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1, as well as a 499er game also at 1 on Thursdays.

Award season

Congratulations to the unit’s Mini-McKenney award winners for 2021: Claudette Coffey, Joanne Benkstein, Sandra Emmons, Stephen Jackson, Kathleen McCrossin, Susan Owens, Myra Falletta, Randy Naef, David Canoy, David Astle, Steve Drew and Mike Levy. This award is given to the person who won the most pigmented masterpoints in their category during the calendar year.

Rank changes

The unit would like to congratulate the following members on achieving their new masterpoint ranks: Club Masters Claudette Coffey, Beverly Crowley, Beulah Jueau; Sectional Master Joyce Judy; Regional Master Michael Fagan; Bronze Life Master Barbara Nelson.

Results

Unit Game, Nov. 14 — 1A: Jack & Nancy Wetherson, 2A: Carolyn Orr – Jeff Nevins.

Unit Game, Dec. 12 — 1A: Marion Hull – Steve Drew, 2A: Zina Galaka – Susan Palmer, 3A: Skip Ludington – Beverly Crowley.

Unit Game, Jan. 2: 1A/1B: Karen Crooch – Doug Reed, 2A/2B Bill Gille – Diane French.

Club studies limited games’ decline

Both clubs, Longview and Vancouver, have struggled with getting folks back to in-person play. We feel that the covid scare keeps people away as does the mask mandate. When (or if) these “go away” in the next few months and the snowbirds return, we think F2F attendance will rebound.

The limited games have also struggled. To address this issue, a committee headed by **Joy Fletcher** and **Jerry Draggoo** has been formed for online games and **Rich Zier** for F2F. In general, the group felt that we are missing the structure to provide an environment to recruit and train new people for the game of bridge. We need to acquire an education liaison, set up classes, and provide sufficient gaming opportunities for them to grow (i.e., assisted play, mentor games, 99er games, etc.).

An interesting issue is whether a reservation system should be used to ensure a sufficient number of players for any given



Vancouver/ Longview



By Rich Carle

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game. **Bill Lide** had started a program via email which he uses successfully for pickleball events. Unfortunately, before we could fully evaluate the program, we suspended the Thursday 1499er game it was intended to target.

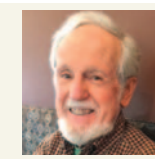
We are gearing up for another successful Longest Day fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Association. Online games will be automatically enrolled in the Longest Day event. In the past, the three Portland-Vancouver metro clubs have held their F2F observation on different days of the week-long schedule. We look forward to working toward a similar arrangement this year.

Play bridge; have fun!

Survey says attendance staying low

The recent passing of **Bob Wierman** was a shock to our Redding bridgers. Bob has played bridge in Redding for a number of years, but he did not return to face-to-face play. He did continue to play on BBO. Bob had numerous partners and was a mentor to several players around the district and beyond. He will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

Redding Duplicate Bridge Club continues in-person play with an increase in table count for Thursdays, with six to eight tables, and a plateau on Mondays capping at nine tables, sometimes fewer. We have about half of our members playing at the club, whereas the other half are remaining home. **Vickie Pugh**, president of the RDDB, did a telephone survey and found the most common responses to be, “I don’t wish to be potentially exposed to



Redding



By Bud Hamilton

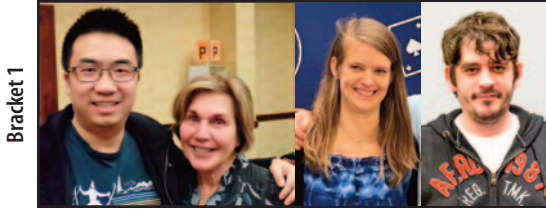
www.bridgescore.com/redding

the virus,” and/or “I’m willing, but my partner isn’t, and I don’t wish to play with anyone else.” Our unit’s membership is decreasing with individuals’ membership lapsing.

Our annual double-session Awards Day luncheon, normally scheduled in March, will be canceled. In its place, we will substitute a pregame “coffee and cake day” for a regular RDDB session. Along with the awards day demise, we don’t see our April spring sectional springing forth either, until attendance picks up.

WINNERS AT THE OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

Columbia River Monday-Tuesday Knockout



Shan Huang, Joan Millens, Cecilia Rimstedt, Kevin Dwyer and (not pictured) Jianfeng Luo. They also won the Vancouver KO bracket 1, the Thursday-Friday Evening Zip Swiss Teams and tied to win the Sunday Top-Flight Swiss Teams, winning the most masterpoints.



Dave Green, Ed Lee, Mark Smith, Don Tofte



Jonathan Pulvers, Kevin Marnell, Sheri Markwardt, Joe Wilson

Tuesday Bracketed Round Robin Teams



Owen Lien, Mark Itabashi, Disa Eythorsdottir, Linda Lewis. They also won the Mount Hood KO bracket 1 and tied to win the Sunday Top-Flight Swiss Teams.

Vancouver Wednesday-Thursday Knockout



Ann Grill, Wende Keirse, Sandee Canton, Craig Schauermann



Paul Walker, Kristin Steinmetz, Fran Henry-Jansa, Mark Jansa

Thursday Bracketed Round Robin Teams



Jenni Carmichael, Tom Carmichael, Nathan Gong, Arthur Gong



John Jacobs, Bill Griffiths, Martha Hancock, Lou Arevalo

Ridgefield Saturday Compact Knockout



John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf, John Lusky, Eric Stoltz

Monday, Feb. 21

Monday Evening Charity Pairs(37 pairs)

- 1A Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA
- 2A Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Irva Neyhart, Portland OR
- 3A Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
- 1B Thomas Kuehne, Berrerton WA; Betsy Brezel, Union WA
- 2B Suzanne Geib, Bellevue WA; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 3B Louise Johns, Ridgefield WA; Cynthia Sinn, Rockaway Beach OR
- 1-2C Nora Laughlin, Juneau AK; Shirley Carlson, Salem OR
- 1-2C Benjamin Levy - Kimberly Dauphin, Vancouver WA
- 3C Marion Hull, Milwaukie OR; Emily Hull, McMinnville OR

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Tuesday Open Pairs(39 pairs)

- 1A Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Mesa AZ; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA
- 2A Jerry Hallee - Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 3A Kim Eng - Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA
- 1B Veronica Reeves - Paul Reeves, Tigard OR
- 2B Jayendu Patel - Tanaaz Timblo, Vista CA
- 3B Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Xiang Long, Kirkland WA
- 1C Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR; Bruce Backup, Portland OR
- 2C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 3C Ray Lowe - Jane Lowe, Astoria OR

Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs(20 pairs)

- 1C/D Robert Demaster, McMinnville OR; Marion Hull, Milwaukie OR
- 2C Johanna Thoresz - Karen Douek, Portland OR
- 3C Ken Korth, Ashland OR; Charles Abrams, Boise ID
- 2D Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Sue Randall, Portland OR
- 3D Debbie Carey, Emerald Hills CA; Lucy Ballard, Redwood City CA
- 1E Leeann Cook, Lake Oswego OR; Maureen Fennerty, Portland OR
- 2E Lynne Dearing, Lacey WA; Kathi McKay, Olympia WA

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 1(8 teams)

- 1 Joan Millens, Kingston NY; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Cecilia Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON
- 2 Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA; Raj Garg - Connie Coquillette - Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 3 Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 2(6 teams)

- 1 Donald Tofte - Edward Lee, Portland OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR; David Green, Sherwood OR
- 2 Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 3(6 teams)

- 1 Sheri Markwardt - Joe Wilson, Milwaukie OR; Kevin Marnell - Jonathan Pulvers, Portland OR
- 2 Joanne Ruyle - Beth Unger - Bonnie Scheeland, Portland OR; Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR

Tuesday Round Robin Teams Bracket 1(7 teams)

- 1 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL
- 2 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay - David Roussel, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
- 3 Ron Root - Katherine Morris - Richard Morris, Beaverton OR; Cynthia Sinn, Rockaway Beach OR

Tuesday Round Robin Teams Bracket 2(5 teams)

- 1 Barbara Ball - Judith Wilkinson - Margaret Evenson, Portland OR; Diane Smith, West Linn OR
- 2 Sheryl Williams - Ginger McCarthy - Nely Johnson, Portland OR; Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR

Tuesday Morning Side Game(10 pairs)

- 1A Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; Carolyn Borus, Denver CO
- 2A Alfred Lee, Foster City CA; Sherman Gao, Brea CA
- 3A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 1B/C Pauline Bullert - Krista Kabacy, Vancouver WA
- 2B/C Brad Hanna - Jeanette Hanna, Clackamas OR
- 3B Brad Johnson - Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA

Tuesday Morning 299er Pairs(6 pairs)

- 1D Mary Gilbert, Beaverton OR; Yvonne Evans, Portland OR
- 2D Dana Terhune, Tualatin OR; Rolli Seibert, Wilsonville OR

Tuesday Afternoon Side Game(10 pairs)

- 1A Alfred Lee, Foster City CA; Sherman Gao, Brea CA
- 2A/1B/C Arthur Gong - Rui Gong, Sammamish WA
- 3A/2B Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; John Crutcher, Olympia WA
- 3B/2C Douglas Johnson, Gig Harbor WA; Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA

Tuesday Evening Side Game(6 pairs)

- 1 Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; John Crutcher, Olympia WA
- 2-4 Lou Arevalo - Martha Hancock, Coeur D'Alene ID
- 2-4 Roy Harry Stefaniec, Victoria BC; Matt Koltnow, Bothell WA
- 2-4 Marion Hull, Milwaukie OR; Salena Johnson, Portland OR

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Wednesday Open Pairs(44 pairs)

- 1A Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA; John Miller, San Jose CA
- 2A Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 3A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III - Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 1B/C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 2B/C Xiang Long, Kirkland WA; Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS
- 3B Thomas Kuehne, Berrerton WA; Betsy Brezel, Union WA
- 3C Christopher Cross, Portland OR; Thomas Scharf, Vancouver WA

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs(18 pairs)

- 1C Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR; Karen Douek, Portland OR
- 2C John McClure - Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA
- 3C/1D Charlotte Riviera, Bellevue WA; Joanne Kerr, Kirkland WA
- 2D/1E Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Sue Randall, Portland OR
- 3-4D Charles Abrams, Boise ID; William Lide, Vancouver WA
- 3-4D/2E Johanna Thoresz - Elliot Wahba, Portland OR
- 3E Alice Arnold, Shelton WA; Lynne Dearing, Lacey WA

Wednesday Morning Side Game(6 pairs)

- 1A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Brad Johnson, Vancouver WA
- 2A Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA

Wednesday Morning 299er Pairs(7 pairs)

- 1D/F Dana Terhune, Tualatin OR; Rolli Seibert, Wilsonville OR
- 2D/F Molly Schwabe, Vancouver WA; Julie Headley, Portland OR
- 3D Christine Ellis - Margaret Earl, Portland OR

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game(12 pairs)

- 1A Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
- 2A/1B/C Carroll Vaughan, Federal Way WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA
- 3A Alfred Lee, Foster City CA; Sherman Gao, Brea CA
- 2B/C David Erickson, Tacoma WA; Russell Wing, Lacey WA
- 3B/C Margaret Evenson, Portland OR; Diane Smith, West Linn OR

Wednesday Afternoon Side Swiss Teams ... (7 teams)

- 1A Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA
- 2A Nathan Gong - Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA; Tom Carmichael - Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA
- 3A/1B Art Silvas, Renton WA; Steve Weinstein, Vancouver WA; Barry Heller, Burbank CA; Patsy Neveau, Coeur D'Alene ID

Wednesday Evening Side Game(10 pairs)

- 1A Aaron Jones, N. Bethesda MD; James Holzhauer, Las Vegas NV
- 2A Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Mesa AZ
- 3A/1B/C Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Barry Heller, Burbank CA
- 2B/C Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Ann Romeo, Seattle WA
- 3B Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR

Thursday, Feb. 24

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 1(13 teams)

- 1 Joan Millens, Kingston NY; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Cecilia Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON
- 2 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 3-4 Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Adam Grossack, Newton MA
- 3-4 James Holzhauer - Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; William Bailey, Reston VA

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 2(9 teams)

- 1 Wende Keirse, Northlake TX; Ann Grill - Craig Schauermann, Vancouver WA; Sandee Canton, Washougal WA
- 2 Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID
- 3-4 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA; Douglas Johnson, Gig Harbor WA; Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA
- 3-4 Pauline Bullert - Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 3(9 teams)

- 1 Kristin Steinmetz - Mark Jansa - Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR
- 2 Rui Gong - Herman Xiao, Sammamish WA; Eric He - Edward He, Bellevue WA
- 3-4 Joseph Morgan - Cynthia Brogan - Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA; Charles Mead, Sequim WA
- 3-4 Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR; Beth Unger - Care Parker - Joanne Ruyle, Portland OR

Thursday Open Pairs(32 pairs)

- 1A/C Mark Mackenzie, Portland OR; Justin Beck, Sherwood OR
- 2A Richard Chan, Markham ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA
- 3A Kim Eng - Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA
- 2B Robert Law, Tigard OR; Joe Wilson, Milwaukie OR
- 3B Thomas Kuehne, Berrerton WA; Betsy Brezel, Union WA
- 2C Doug Sanders, Grandview WA; Jerri Honeyford, Sunnyside WA
- 3-4C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 3-4C John Crutcher, Olympia WA; Marion Hull, Milwaukie OR

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs(21 pairs)

- 1C Rick Scherer - Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA
- 2C Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR; Karen Douek, Portland OR
- 3C/1D/E Rolli Seibert - Jon Udell, Wilsonville OR
- 2D Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
- 3D/2D James Scovil - Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA

Thursday Round Robin Teams Bracket 1 ... (7 teams)

- 1 Jenni Carmichael - Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Arthur Gong - Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA
- 2 John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Becky Rogers, Hot Springs Village AR; Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA
- 3 John Lusky - Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA

Thursday Round Robin Teams Bracket 2 ... (5 teams)

- 1 Rick Prouser - Edward Lee - Ray Robert, Portland OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT
- 2 Allan Palansky, Portland OR; Ron Root - Katherine Morris - Richard Morris, Beaverton OR

Thursday Round Robin Teams Bracket 3 ... (8 teams)

- 1 John Jacobs - Bill Griffiths - Lou Arevalo - Martha Hancock, Coeur D'Alene ID
- 2 Stephen Brown - Paul Sekulich - Kathi McKay, Olympia WA; Alice Arnold, Shelton WA
- 3 Russell Wing, Lacey WA; David Erickson, Tacoma WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA; Carroll Vaughan, Federal Way WA

Thursday Morning Side Game(10 pairs)

- 1A/B Barbara Kolpka, Puyallup WA; Amy DeShaw, Seattle WA
- 2A/B/1C Thomas Scharf, Vancouver WA; Christopher Cross, Portland OR
- 3-4A/B/2C Stephen Kishner - Jonathan Pulvers, Portland OR
- 3-4A/B Charles Burns - Donald Weber, Vancouver WA

Thursday Morning 299er Pairs(6 pairs)

- 1D Nancy Berwick - Emilio Berwick, Portland OR
- 2D Lonnie Barron - Tammy Barron, Happy Valley OR

Thursday Afternoon Side Game(14 pairs)

- 1A Cynthia Glad - Sue Anderson, Seattle WA
- 2A Steve Bruno, Kirkland WA; Amy DeShaw, Seattle WA
- 3A/1B John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA
- 2B Douglas Johnson, Gig Harbor WA; Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA
- 3-4B Linda Redman - Jean Johansson, Portland OR
- 3-4B Charles Mead, Sequim WA; Cynthia Brogan, Vancouver WA

Friday, Feb. 25

Friday Open Pairs(52 pairs)

- 1A Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; William Bailey, Reston VA
- 2A Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Irva Neyhart, Portland OR
- 3A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR
- 1B/C Nathan Gong - Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA
- 2B Suzanne Geib, Bellevue WA; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 3B Elinor Hood, Portland OR; Donald Weber, Vancouver WA
- 2C Kevin Marnell - Stephen Kishner, Portland OR
- 3C Joan Spence, Hillsboro OR; Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA

Friday Gold Rush Pairs(21 pairs)

- 1C Paul Walker, Oregon City OR; Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR
- 2C John Jacobs - Bill Griffiths, Coeur D'Alene ID
- 3C/1D John Seibert, Portland OR; Monte Garrett, Salem OR
- 2D Elliot Wahba, Portland OR; Thomas Ahern, Wilsonville OR

Thursday-Friday Evening Zip Swiss Teams ... (8 teams)

- 1A Joan Millens, Kingston NY; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Cecilia Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL
- 2A Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS; James Smith, Mapleton OR; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR
- 3A/1B/C Andrew Nuxoll - Kevin Marnell, Portland OR; Zachary Faltersack, Lake Oswego OR; Joe Wilson, Milwaukie OR
- 2B Betsy Brezel, Union WA; Thomas Kuehne, Berrerton WA; Paul Sekulich - Stephen Brown, Olympia WA

Friday Morning Side Game(8 pairs)

- 1A Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Alfred Lee, Foster City CA
- 2A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 3A/1B Bruce Vanderploeg - James Scovil, Vancouver WA
- 2B Ken Cornelius - Mary Cornelius, Portland OR

Friday Afternoon Side Game(12 pairs)

- 1A/C Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA; Amy DeShaw, Seattle WA
- 2A/B David Taylor, Seattle WA; Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA
- 3A/2C Lou Arevalo - Martha Hancock, Coeur D'Alene ID

Saturday, Feb. 26

Mount Hood Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1(11 teams)

- 1 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 2 Raj Garg - Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 Joan Millens, Kingston NY; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Cecilia Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON
- 3-4 Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA

Mount Hood Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2(9 teams)

- 1 Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; Stephen Brown - Paul Sekulich - John Crutcher, Olympia WA
- 2 Bruce Backup, Portland OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR; Cynthia Sinn, Rockaway Beach OR; Louise Johns, Ridgefield WA
- 3-4 Jack Wetherson - Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR; Donald Pitt - Jerome Gordon, Salem OR
- 3-4 Cliff Allen III, Camas WA; Pauline Bullert - Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR

Saturday Top Flight Pairs(40 pairs)

- 1A Jerry Hallee - Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 2A/1X Joe Wilson, Milwaukie OR; Kevin Marnell, Portland OR
- 3A Jeff McKee, Cleveland TX; David Brower, Portland OR
- 2X Ben Bomber - Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 3X Robert Munger, Seattle WA; Dolores Aquino, Houston TX

Saturday Mid-Flight Pairs(10 pairs)

- 1B Brian Thomas - Stephen Kishner, Portland OR
- 2B Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
- 3B Suzanne Geib, Bellevue WA; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 1C Rui Gong, Sammamish WA; Joseph Habeck, Portland OR
- 2C Ray Lowe - Jane Lowe, Astoria OR

New Life Masters



Ken Korth
Ashland OR



Xiang Long
Kirkland WA

Player roundup

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

At the Oregon Trail Regional, we asked players this question: *What's the best part about being here playing bridge in person?* Here are their answers.



Jacob Freeman

"Hanging out with people."
Jacob Freeman
Toronto ON

"It's hearing the voices across the room, putting the faces to the voices. It's hard to see people with their masks on, but I recognize their voices."

Ann Romeo
Seattle WA
ACBL Volunteer of the Year



Dave Brower

"All the people I have been able to see. The hugs. People – that's why I play bridge and not chess."

Dave Brower
Portland OR

"I am meeting people I've played with online and have never seen in person before. It's been lots of fun."

Dolores Aquino
Houston TX
Portland Bridge Club regular LolaTX



Dan Hoekstra

"Not having to play on BBO, and resuming the social aspect of the game."

Dan Hoekstra
Portland OR

"The opportunity to falsecard. Robots don't get taken in by falsecards. Humans are psychological. They'll read into your cards. Robots don't care."

Xiang Long
Kirkland WA



Xiang Long



Zachary Faltersack

"It's been cool to see so many people playing at one time. It's been a lot of fun."

Zachary Faltersack
Lake Oswego OR
new player attending first regional

"I'd rather be here than going to work. Finally meeting the people I developed online partnerships with."

Sheri Markwardt
Portland OR



Sheri Markwardt



Owen Lien

"Just seeing my friends. Getting caught up. Telling my friends I love them. Having quality dinners together. I feel everyone is generally more appreciative. People are less on edge."

Owen Lien
Oak Park MI

"I forgot how much fun bridge could be."

Diane Caccamise
Coos Bay OR



Diane Caccamise

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1C/D John McClure - Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA
- 2C Paul Walker, Oregon City OR; Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR
- 3C Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR; Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR
- 2D/1E Lee Soreng - Cornelia Wonham, Eugene OR
- 3D Kristin Steinmetz - Paula Koeller, Portland OR
- 2D Steven Acker - Lynda Bishop, Portland OR

Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO (11 teams)

- 1 John Lusky - Eric Stoltz - John Ashton, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 2 Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA
- 3 Stanford Christie, Kirkland WA; Dave Grubbs - Michael Christensen - Bryan Delfs, Seattle WA

Saturday Morning Side Game (8 pairs)

- 1A/B Alfred Lee, Foster City CA; Sherman Gao, Brea CA
- 2A Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Layne Benben, Portland OR
- 3A/2B Kent Livingston - Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA
- 3-4B Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Nely Johnson, Portland OR
- 3-4B Sandee Canton - Ed Canton, Washougal WA

Saturday Morning 299er Pairs (6 pairs)

- 1D/E Nancy Berwick - Emilio Berwick, Portland OR
- 2D Irv Roller - Joani Roller, Milwaukie OR
- 2E Anne Bogart - Carol Schaafsma, Eugene OR

Saturday Afternoon Side Game (8 pairs)

- 1A Alfred Lee, Foster City CA; Sherman Gao, Brea CA
- 2A Steve Bruno, Kirkland WA; Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA
- 3A/1B Steve Colmer, Vancouver WA; Ron Root, Beaverton OR
- 2B Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR

Saturday Afternoon Side Swiss Teams (8 teams)

- 1A Joan Millens, Kingston NY; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Cecilia Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL
- 2A Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Amber Lin, San Francisco CA; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA
- 3A/1B Donald Pitt - Jerome Gordon, Salem OR; Jack Wetherson - Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 1C Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR; Art Silvas, Renton WA; Zachary Faltersack, Lake Oswego OR; Steve Weinstein, Vancouver WA

Sunday, Feb. 27

Sunday Top-Flight Swiss Teams (23 teams)

- 1-2A Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Hjords Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 1-2A Joan Millens, Kingston NY; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Cecilia Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer, Jacksonville FL; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON
- 3A Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR; Eric Sieg - Kim Eng, Issaquah WA
- 1X Tanaaz Timblo - Jayendu Patel, Vista CA; Hemant Bhatia, Foothill Ranch CA; J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
- 2X Rick Prouser - Jamie Sparks - Ray Robert, Portland OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT
- 3X/1Y Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; James Weider - Bruce Backup, Portland OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR

Sunday 0-2500 Swiss Teams ... (13 teams)

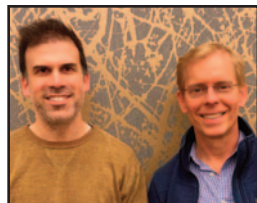
- 1B/C Thomas Kuehne, Berrmerton WA; Stephen Brown - Paul Sekulich, Olympia WA; Betsy Brezel, Union WA
- 2B/C David Partridge - John Wolf, Eugene OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Newberg OR
- 3B/C/1D Tara McMahon - Charles Jenney - David Weil, Portland OR; Chris Aaberg, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR; Bonnie Scheeland - Sheryl Williams - Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR

Sunday Fast Pairs (20 pairs)

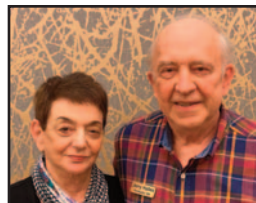
- 1A Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON
- 2A Richard Carle, Longview WA; Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 3A David Brower - Joanne Ruyle, Portland OR
- 1B Elinor Hood, Portland OR; Donald Weber, Vancouver WA
- 2B/1C Rui Gong, Sammamish WA; Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR
- 3B/2C John Emerson, Federal Way WA; Douglas Johnson, Gig Harbor WA



John Miller, Lynn Shannon
Wednesday Open Pairs



Josh Donn, William Bailey
Friday Open Pairs



Lynne Schaeffer, Jerry Hallee
Saturday Top-Flight Pairs



Mark Mackenzie, Justin Beck
Thursday Open Pairs



Mike Thompson, Pat Thompson
1B/C Wednesday Open Pairs



Nathan Gong, Arthur Gong
1B/C Friday Open Pairs



Kevin Marnell, Joe Wilson
1X Saturday Top-Flight Pairs



Dan Edelstein, Rick Scherer
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs



Nick Atansov, Karen Douek
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs



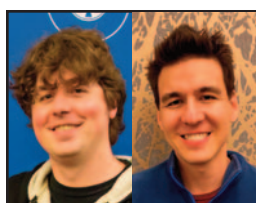
Paul Walker, Nick Atansov
Friday Gold Rush Pairs



John McClure, Bob Simpson
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs



Emma Kolesnik, Amber Lin
Monday Evening Charity Pairs



Aaron Jones, James Holzhauer
Wednesday Evening Side Game



Arti Bhargava, Bjorgvin Kristinsson
Tuesday Open Pairs



Bruce Backup, John Gassaway
1C Tuesday Open Pairs



Laurie Rowe, Irva Neyhart
2A Monday Evening Charity Pairs

Top masterpoint winners

Score	Name	Location	Score	Name	Location	Score	Name	Location	Score	Name	Location
125.70	Shan Huang, Melbourne FL	125.70	Kevin Eng, Issaquah WA	125.70	Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden	114.82	Joan Millens, Kingston NY	110.42	Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	110.42	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
110.42	Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV	110.42	Hjords Eythorsdottir, New York NY	105.16	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON	75.47	Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR	72.82	Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV	71.82	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA
69.96	Richard Chan, Markham ON	69.96	Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL	69.36	Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR	64.14	Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN	63.01	Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	60.18	Jerry Hallee, Portland OR
56.22	Kim Eng, Issaquah WA	56.22	Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	55.64	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	54.64	Raj Garg, Portland OR	52.71	Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	52.71	John Miller, Oakley CA
47.84	Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA	47.40	Irva Neyhart, Portland OR	47.17	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	46.75	Amber Lin, San Francisco CA	45.91	Emma Kolesnik, Calabasas CA	45.58	Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
43.34	Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA	42.99	Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	42.62	Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA	41.66	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	41.32	Joe Wilson, Milwaukie OR	40.98	John Lusky, Portland OR
40.98	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR	40.98	Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA	40.77	Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA	40.57	Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN	40.57	Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA	39.05	J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
38.45	Kevin Marnell, Portland OR	37.87	Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA	37.48	Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	37.48	John Grantham, Bentonville AR	36.17	John Ashton, Portland OR	35.32	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA
34.01	Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD	33.51	Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR	33.49	Edward Lee, Portland OR	33.11	Jeff McKee, Cleveland TX	32.74	Connie Coquette, Vancouver WA	31.94	Thomas Kuehne, Berrmerton WA
31.94	Betsy Brezel, Union WA	30.41	Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	30.04	Richard Carle, Longview WA	30.02	Stephen Brown, Olympia WA	27.64	Cynthia Sinn, Lake Oswego OR	27.43	David Brower, Portland OR
27.06	Amy Casanova, Portland OR	26.71	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR	25.86	Ray Robert, Portland OR	25.79	Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	25.79	Rick Prouser, Portland OR	25.01	David Green, Sherwood OR
24.94	Justin Beck, Sherwood OR	24.53	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA	24.19	Ron Root, Beaverton OR	24.00	Carol Kilmer, Portland OR	23.63	Brian Thomas, Portland OR	23.58	Richard Morris, Beaverton OR
23.58	Katherine Morris, Beaverton OR	21.39	Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR	21.39	Bruce Backup, Portland OR	20.67	Pat Moore, Corvallis OR	20.67	Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID	20.64	Robert Law, Tigard OR
18.89	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR	18.79	Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA	18.79	Bert Adams, Steilacoom WA	18.66	Paul Walker, Oregon City OR	18.25	Wende Keirse, Ridgefield WA	18.25	Ann Grill, Vancouver WA
18.14	Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR	17.80	Elinor Hood, Portland OR	17.28	Sandee Canton, Washougal WA	16.95	Paul Reeves, Tigard OR	16.85	Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA	16.85	Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
15.97	Craig Schauerermann, Vancouver WA	15.92	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	15.92	Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR	15.41	Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS	15.39	Joanne Ruyle, Portland OR	15.09	Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR
14.74	Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA	14.45	James Smith, Mapleton OR	14.34	Karen Douek, Portland OR	14.25	Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR	14.04	Marion Hull, McMinnville OR	13.92	David Roussel, Beaverton OR
13.81	John Cissel, Boise ID	12.68	Louise Johns, Beaverton OR	12.61	Veronica Reeves, Tigard OR	12.58	Donald Pitt, Salem OR	12.50	Jonathan Pulvers, Washington DC	12.50	Donald Weber, Portland OR
12.19	Donald Tofte, Portland OR	12.09	Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR	12.09	Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA	12.09	Cliff Allen III, Camas WA	11.82	Jamie Sparks, Portland OR	11.45	Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
11.32	Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA	11.27	Joseph Habeich, Portland OR	11.20	Mark Jansa, Portland OR	11.09	Ray Lowe, Astoria OR	11.05	Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA	10.95	Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR
10.91	Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR	10.76	Beth Unger, Portland OR	10.12	Steve Weinstein, Vancouver WA	8.96	Dolores Aquino, Houston TX	8.81	Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR	8.81	Jerome Gordon, Salem OR
8.76	Robert Johnson, Beaverton OR	8.76	Jim Wiser, Portland OR	8.68	Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR	8.50	Sheri Markwardt, Milwaukie OR	8.47	Charles Abrams, Eagle ID	8.34	Judith Wilkinson, Portland OR
8.22	Barbara Ball, Portland OR	8.20	R. Peel, Milwaukie OR	8.20	Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA	8.08	Nely Johnson, Portland OR	7.96	Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA	7.82	Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
7.71	Rollie Seibert, Wilsonville OR	7.63	Roger Thomas, West Linn OR	7.63	James Weider, Portland OR	7.56	Bonnie Scheeland, Portland OR	7.14	Zachary Faltersack, Lake Oswego OR	7.14	Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR
7.01	Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR	6.94	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	6.85	Margaret Evenson, Portland OR	6.85	Diane Smith, West Linn OR	6.84	Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR	6.84	Eileen Boal, Albany OR
6.81	Cynthia Brogan, Vancouver WA	6.73	Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR	6.64	James Scovil, Vancouver WA	6.19	Elliot Wahba, Portland OR	6.16	Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR	6.16	Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
5.99	Carl Wilson, Tacoma WA	5.91	Samuel Asai, Hood River OR	5.70	Sue Randall, Portland OR	5.57	Joseph Morgan, Vancouver WA	5.57	Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA	5.49	Bill Lawrence, Happy Valley OR
5.46	Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA	5.37	Thomas Scharf, Vancouver WA	5.37	Christopher Cross, Portland OR	5.19	Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR	5.10	Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR	4.71	Roger Thomas, West Linn OR

D20 Business Manager Marie Ashton was excited to meet "Jeopardy!" winner James Holzhauer at the Oregon Trail Regional.



Jacob Freeman and Finn Kolesnik didn't play together in Vancouver, but the regional was an opportunity for the Premier KO winners to reunite.



Brothers Nathan and Arthur Gong, 15 and 13, are in Seattle Bridge For Youth's advanced class taught by Kim Eng and Eric Sieg. They won two events at OTR.



Ask Jeff

ACBL tournament director Jeff Jacob answers your questions on rulings

Dear Jeff,

Consider this online scenario, with one pair silent throughout:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♦ ⁽²⁾	...		

- (1) Relay to 2♦
- (2) Forced

Say the 2♠ bid is immediately alerted as a relay to 2♦, and the 2♦ bid is immediately alerted as forced. The opponents know the diamond bid is not natural, because it's already been alerted. There is no reason to click on the bid to ask for an explanation, yet if either North or South do, the other will also see the dialogue box appear. I think this creates UI (the opponent is clicking on this obviously artificial bid that has already been explained as such because they like this suit).

What would you do as a director in this situation if North clicked on 2♦ and South eventually became the opening leader and led a diamond from an unlikely holding, hitting North's suit?

Click and Yack

Dear Clacker,

Your question refers to Law 73B1. B. Inappropriate Communication between Partners 1. "Partners shall not communicate by means such as the manner in which calls or plays are made, extraneous remarks or gestures, questions asked or not asked, or alerts and explanations given or not given."

Quite often in face-to-face bridge, we come across the player that has asked a question for partner's benefit, which according to Law 73B1 is illegal. This action, if it results in damage to the opponents, would result in some type of score adjustment and/or procedural penalty. You are allowed to ask questions, but please do not ask for partner's benefit.

In a perfect world on BBO, when there is an alert, the player would also write the explanation that goes with the alert. If this happens, then there is no need to ask, or you can privately ask for more information. When a bidder is late to give an explanation, it is possible that partner did ask, but is also possible the player provided the information on their own, after forgetting to do so when they made the bid. This leaves doubt as to why the information was given, and therefore does not transmit UI.

So given these parameters as a director, I would not give too much consideration to UI because of a question your partner (may or may not have) asked. It is possible to have an adjustment because of such question, but I have not come across a case yet.

If you suspect that partner has asked about a bid suggesting they want that suit led, you should avoid that lead especially when the auction and your suit holding make it clear that is your choice only because of the UI.

Send questions to jeff.jacob@acbl.org.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

APRIL 2022

9 – 10
11 – 17
TBA
29 – 1
29 – 1

Vancouver Spring Sectional
Pacific States Royal STaC
Ontario Sectional
Seaside Sectional
Golden Clam I/N Regional

Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
Local clubs
TBA, Ontario OR
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

MAY 2022

13 – 15
May 16–22

Honolulu Sectional
ORE. HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend OR

JUNE 2022

3 – 5
TBA
24 – 26

Eugene Sectional
Salem Sectional
Portland Spring Sectional

Bushnell University, Eugene OR
TBA, Salem OR
Portland Bridge Club, Portland OR

JULY 2022

8 – 10

Honolulu Sectional

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

AUGUST 2022

Aug. 1–7
12 – 14

TREASURE VALLEY REGIONAL
Vancouver Summer Sectional

Riverside Hotel, Garden City ID
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

SEPTEMBER 2022

TBA
9 – 11

Sept. 26–Oct. 2

Eureka Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
OREGON COAST REGIONAL

TBA, Bayside CA
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

OCTOBER 2022

TBA
15 – 16
21 – 23
TBA

North American Pairs
Vancouver Fall I/N Sectional
Gold Country Sectional
Central Oregon Coast Sectional

Online at various locations
Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
TBA, Newport OR

NOVEMBER 2022

TBA
11 – 13
12 – 13

Redding Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
Vancouver Fall Sectional

Win-River Resort & Casino, Redding CA
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

DECEMBER 2022

No events scheduled

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

March 18–20 Sidney Sectional BC
April 4–10 **Leavenworth Regional WA**
April 28–May 1 Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
May 20–23 Vancouver Sectional, New Westminster BC
June 10–12 Spokane Valley Sectional WA
June 13–19 **Penticton Regional BC**
June 21–26 **Anchorage Regional AK**
Aug. 22–28 **Lynnwood Regional WA**

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

April 2–3 Modesto Sectional CA
May 17–20 Reno Sectional NV
May 30–June 5 **Sacramento Regional CA**
June 25–26 Oakland Sectional CA
Aug. 30–Sept. 5 **All-Western Regional, Santa Clara CA**

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

March 25–27 Calgary Sectional AB
May 9–15 **Lethbridge Regional AB**
June 24–26 Butte Sectional MT
Aug. 25–28 Missoula Sectional MT
Sept. 5–11 **Great Falls Regional MT**

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

April 22–24 Scottsdale Sectional & I/N Regional AZ
May 24–30 **Denver Regional CO**
June 3–5 Albuquerque Sectional NM
Aug. 15–21 **Phoenix Regional, Scottsdale AZ**

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

April 11–17 **San Diego Regional CA**
Sept. 5–11 **Costa Mesa Regional CA**
Oct. 24–30 **Ventura Regional CA**

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 10–20
July 14–24
Nov. 24 – Dec. 4
March 9–19

Spring 2022
Summer 2022
Fall 2022
Spring 2023

Silver Legacy/Circus Circus, Reno NV
Convention Center, Providence RI
Convention Center, Phoenix AZ
Marriott/Sheraton, New Orleans LA



Rowe: Glad to be back at tournaments

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ACBL is drawing in some new players. Financially the ACBL is doing well. We need to invest in our technology and so, to this end, management has increased the IT budget in hopes of bringing our technology into the 21st century.

I'm excited to play in Vancouver, my first regional in two years, and I hope to see

you there. We also have a West Coast national in Reno in March — please make your plans to attend.

As always, I'm interested in your ideas and thoughts; please send via email or, better yet, tell me in person at a bridge tournament!

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

