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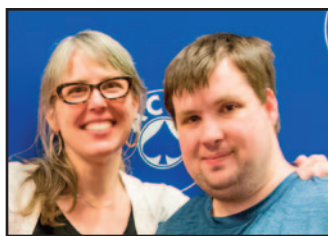
Winter 2021-22

Pair on streak in D20 NA events

The pair that won both of the top flights of District 20's Grand National Teams this spring also won the top flight of the North American Pairs this fall.

Ben Bomber and **Amy Casanova** have put up an impressive streak in the grass roots events, winning the GNT Open, GNT A and NAP A in the same year.

Earlier this year, they separately represented the district in the 2021 NAP at the Spring NAOBC after qualifying in 2019,



Amy Casanova and Ben Bomber, first in NAP Flight A.

Casanova in A and Bomber in B. Playing together, they reached the semifinals of the 2019 GNT Flight B in Las Vegas.

Separately, they have each had numerous wins at the district level in these events.

Bomber previously won NAP A in the 2018-19 cycle playing with **Rich Carle**, and he won the GNT Flight B in 2015.

Casanova has represented the district in the NAP every year since 2016, going three times in B and now three times in A. She also played on the GNT Flight B teams in 2015 and 2016.

See more NAP results on page 3.

Eyer: Time in office didn't go as planned

Volunteers carry D20 through strange times

"What a long strange trip it's been."
— Jerry Garcia

Twenty months ago I was elected to serve the first of my two term-limited terms as your district president.

Looking back, I realized the folly of my youth (kind of like my erratic declarer play for the last month). Although I've had the privilege of playing at sectionals and regionals throughout our district, I planned on visiting clubs in

every unit and getting to know the players, finding out how the board could help them.

Well, as all know far too well, the whole world went upside down. I'm thankful that there have been the

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Mike Eyer
D20 President

What to expect at Austin NABC

ACBL board makes plans for 2022 budget

When I was elected two years ago, I was looking forward to the challenge of learning more about the governance of this game I love.

I knew I would be on committees and that my learning curve would be steep. I also thought I would be doing the vast majority of that work at nationals. But all of my work has been via Zoom meetings. I had at least four hours of Zoom meetings

planned for the two weeks prior to my first in-person board meeting Nov. 22.

I can tell you that I don't regret a minute of my activities in my unit, on the District 20 board or the national board. I would like to encourage someone if they are inclined to get involved. We need a new district president. **Mike Eyer** has served us well for two years and we need someone else to step up to the plate.

If you are attending Austin, there are several precautions in place to mitigate covid transmission. Everybody in the area must be vaccinated

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Laurie Rowe
D20 District Director



The Trumpet's biggest roundup yet: 31 players share where they got their BBO usernames.

What's in a name?

Where do players get the names they use on BBO?

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Have you ever played alongside someone online and thought ... hmmm I wonder where they came up with that username?

Some people choose fairly obvious usernames. When you see the likes of RichCarle, IKNeyhart or chipd03 at your

virtual table, you don't need to click on the profile to figure out who you're playing. But others like coco_puff or tsuarus may leave you wondering.

Well, wonder no more. We're uncovering the inside scoop behind some of the more interesting usernames on BBO. Read on and get to know a little more about your fellow online players.

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Early tournaments average 40% of '19 turnout

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

The return to tournament bridge has proceeded slowly in the closing months of 2021, across the ACBL and especially in District 20, where just two tournament have been held.

When the first few tournaments of the year were held in August, District 20 was at the front of the line. Vancouver Unit

452 held the first open sectional of the year Aug. 13-15, a week after the first two limited sectionals in the Carolinas.

The ACBL canceled most tournaments that month and decided not to staff any. Only I/N sectionals and downgraded sectionals, which can be staffed with local directors were allowed. Vancouver considered allowing the tournament to be canceled but chose to downgrade instead, with Hal Montgomery and Rich Carle stepping in as

directors. Jeff Jacob is the tournament director normally assigned. Despite being downgraded, masks were still required under Washington state rules.

Everything else tentatively scheduled in the district in the fall was canceled except a 299er sectional in Corvallis in November.

The tournaments that did return came back to much smaller attendance than

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Things might look different at OTR 2022

Preparing for the first D20 regional in two years involves a lot of speculation and a little bit of angst.

Unfortunately, the ACBL's preregistration app isn't ready, so it's difficult

to know how many attendees to expect. The schedule has been changed to daylight times, which seem to be preferred by many players.

We have added a shocking start time — an 8 p.m. session — in the hope of providing a game for those who have traveled to play bridge, and for those who live in Portland and Vancouver and still work during the day. These will be short games so that you aren't playing any later than if we

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Amy Casanova
Tournament Manager

Break time is over: back to bridge, work

I don't know why the end of a calendar year inspires fresh starts, renewed enthusiasm and vigor; but there is no better time than 2022 to metaphorically pick up the bridge world, dust it off a little bit, and get back to work.

The district has several vacant positions: president, education liaison and I/N coordinator. As our community ages, fewer people come forward to volunteer. As our tournaments shrink and costs go up, we have less in the budget to compensate people. It's a vicious cycle. All of us who work in bridge admit we don't do it for the money, we do it for the love of the game.

The year 2022 will be an important one for rebuilding our board.

Margie Redden is the outgoing I/N coordinator. For years, she has entertained us in the Trumpet with her menagerie of bridge-playing forest dwellers – relatable characters who, with frets and follies, work their way through the process of learning duplicate.

At every regional, she has coordinated guest speakers, passed out prize beads, taken photos, and answered uncountable

questions. She has been a supportive cheerleader for players of all levels, with energy and a positive attitude. Thank you, Margie, for all your hard work and effort.

Mike Eyer is coming to the end of his two-year term as president. Although it wasn't quite the kind of two years he was expecting, he nonetheless stepped up and stayed focused, pivoting to online play, Zoom meetings galore and virtually connecting with other administrators in the bridge world to plan for the future.

Thank you, Mike, for leading the district through the pandemic. While it's been great to be able to play online while in-person gathering has not been safe, I don't see it as a replacement. I miss seeing and talking to people. I miss the connections, and how those enrich our lives.

Yes, we can click on cards and solve the bridge puzzles on the computer – perhaps even better than at the table – but that's not really the point. I think of all the lonely people out there, stuck at home and isolated. I think of all the teenagers and young adults, growing up in a world of screens and 10-second video clips,

yearning for real human interaction. I can't think of a better opportunity than being introduced to bridge, and the energy of a real bridge club.

It's OK if the game is secondary. If you've taken a break during the past two years, come back! It doesn't matter if you feel rusty or forget a convention and go down 1100. I play all the time and that still happens to me. It's not about being perfect or anywhere close to that. Sure, it's no fun to make a mistake, but everyone does it.

Kibitzing a lot of bridge to write articles comes with the territory of my new job. You would not believe some of the bids and plays I see. Crazy mistakes are made by world-class professionals. Trust me.

What matters is that bridge connects people. Bridge saves lives because it connects people. I can think of countless conversations that lead to a referral of a doctor or a plumber or a book or something that changes a person's life.

Try to introduce a friend or a neighbor – or one of their kids – to the game. For those who are struggling to find their place in the world, bridge truly can be a lifesaver.

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Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

Election notice

The office of district president is up for election during the Oregon Trail Regional. It is a one-year term beginning at the end of the board meeting during the regional in February 2022.

A president may serve two consecutive terms and additional nonconsecutive terms. Other district offices – vice president, secretary and treasurer – are also up for election but not subject to the same term limits.

Any member in good standing is eligible to run. To declare candidacy for one of these positions, send notification to district president Mike Eyer at leela.tardis@gmail.com.

The declaration should be received by Feb. 1, 2022.

Deaths

- Jim Butler** — 80, of Salem OR died Oct. 2, 2021.
- LaVaughna Cary** — 90, of Payette ID died Aug. 12, 2021.
- Norma Clark** — 92, of The Dalles OR died Oct. 11, 2021.
- Norma Frechin** — 90 of Salem OR died Sept. 17, 2021.
- Hazel Jones** — 90, of Eugene OR died Oct. 2, 2021.
- Larry Skinner** — 88, of Chico CA died Sept. 5, 2021.

Tearing up the tournament trail, or just tires?

I think it was June when we started talking about doing a story in the Bridge Bulletin on the first regional. I was asked about going to Atlanta in September, and at the time that sounded like a good idea.

Then, a few weeks later, I was asked about going to Palm Beach, where a regional had been scheduled for the week before Atlanta. I think at the time Florida accounted for 20% of all covid cases, and I thought that sounded like a really bad idea.

I hoped it would be canceled and that they would send me to Seaside, where I was already planning to go, to cover the first regional. Wherever the first regional was, I hoped it would not be in Florida. The Palm Beach Regional did get canceled, along with Atlanta and everything else in August and most of everything else in September. And for a while, Seaside was the first regional on the calendar.

Then, when it was canceled, Cincinnati, set for the week after Seaside, became my target. My family lives in Cincinnati, and I have a free place to stay there, so it's convenient. I hoped this one would live.

It might have been canceled if they had been set about having a regional or bust, but organizers opted to make it a downgraded sectional so they could guarantee it could be held. That was a bit of a wrinkle in my "first regional" story, but at that point my plans were set.

The **Flying Pig Un-Regional** had an unusual schedule, starting on a Sunday and ending on a Thursday, avoiding the days when hotel space is most expensive. I was planning to play only Tuesday through Thursday, but I have two nephews who were born in summer 2020, so I wanted to include some extra days for visiting family. So I was driving up on the Saturday before.

I like going to Cincinnati because it's cheap. Well, we can't have a travel story in this column without a travel disaster.

I had made it as far as Nashville – less than halfway, it was around 4:30 – when I encountered an object in the road that tore up my tire. There was an exit right there, so as I was moving toward a place I could pull over, I continued up the exit ramp until the sound coming from my front wheel sternly told me I should go no farther.

I called AAA. I reached someone who wasn't interested in helping. She made up some BS about not being able to access my account, put me on hold and hung up. I got out to take a picture and a passerby stopped to help but found I didn't have a jack. It was maybe 15 minutes after the first call when I called AAA again. This time it was as usual, and they dispatched someone.

When he got me fixed up, around 5:40, I was told not to go more than 50 miles on the spare. Making it to Cincinnati was out, but I wanted to avoid losing a day and paying for a place to stay if possible. There had to be some tire shops still open.

There were, but none willing to replace my tire that day. After wasting about an hour looking, I headed a few miles up the road to White House, a small town near the Kentucky border, and gave up. Between the tire and the room, my trip came a few hundred dollars over budget.

The un-regional

I knew the partnership desk had given me an 87-year-old lady who played Standard American, but I wasn't alarmed. I think the way I play 2/1 without forcing 1NT is probably more similar to Standard American than it is to 2/1 with forcing 1NT. As long as we had some tools, we'd be fine.

When I arrived, I met Bobbie and found out she played no conventions other than Stayman, transfers and regular Blackwood. Essentially I had no forcing bids after the first round of an auction. Not what I'm used to, but still, it was fine.

It was so nice being back at a tournament, playing bridge with people instead of a screen. It was small with only about 20 tables each session, but there were people from all over, and it was enough for a fun event.

I got to score a beer card playing 3NT making six. I was especially proud of making a difficult 4♥ on an endplay only to find Deep Finesse thought I should make six. And I had this fun auction:

<i>Bobbie</i>	<i>Opp</i>	<i>Chip</i>	<i>Opp</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	1NT ⁽¹⁾
2♦	4♣	6NT!	All Pass

(1) 5-5 hearts and clubs

It made seven. I don't know what anyone else was bidding on. My hand:

♠A K J 2 ♥K 9 ♦Q 10 9 6 5 ♣A J

Fun hand

The most fun hand I had recently was defending 2♣ doubled in an online game.

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

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

♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 9 2
 ♣ K Q 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
Chip		Amy	
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♣
			All Pass

We took the first six tricks with the ♥A, ♠Q, ♥K, ♠K, ♦A and ♦K, showing our doubletons in all three side suits along the way.

Now comes the ♦8 and I ruff. I return the ♥3 and Amy's ruff with the ♣9 forces declarer to overruff with the ♠Q. Declarer exits the ♠K and I win. Another low heart is ruffed by Amy's ♠10 and declarer can't beat it. Amy plays her fourth diamond, declarer ruffing with the ♣8, and I overruff with the ♠J.

I play my last heart. Declarer could have ruffed low but perhaps thought we were out of clubs. He ruffed with the ♣7 and at the last trick played the ♣2 to my ♣6. Down six, 1700. In a partscore.

Pretty much everyone else was in 3NT our way. When they stepped in, I considered showing my club stopper immediately, but considering the vulnerability, I wanted to wait and see what happened. I was delighted to pass the double. We only needed to get it down two to get a better score than we had coming in 3NT.

I've got some more trips planned, so I'm hoping to avoid disaster on the way to and from Austin and Las Vegas. After that, I'm thinking about the **Oregon Trail Regional**. That evening session looks fun, especially the Thursday-Friday Swiss.

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There was not much left of the tire.



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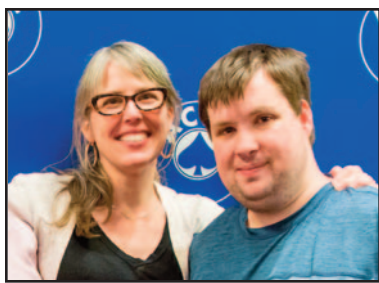
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NAP AND GNT

Flight A



Amy Casanova and Ben Bomber

Flight B



Tim Rilling and Don Herring

Flight C



Dennis Viner and Tad Kelly



Ian and Charlene Martindale



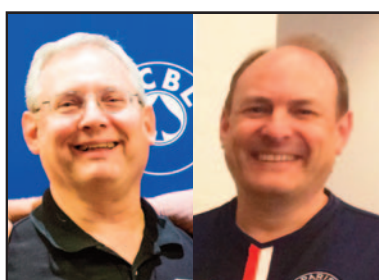
Louis Beauchet and Elenalani Lam



Joe Morgan and Care Parker



Dennis Metcalf and Eric Stoltz



Roger Thomas and James Weider



Phil Emerson and Jared Jenkins

Eleven pairs qualify for Reno

By Hal Montgomery

D20 NA Events Coordinator

On Halloween weekend 66 pairs played in the finals of the District 20 North American Pairs competition. The top finishers earned extra masterpoints and first-place finishers will receive a stipend towards expenses in the Spring NABC.

In addition to a \$700 stipend to offset the expenses of attending the nationals, first place in Flight A paid 25.60 gold points, 18 points in Flight B, and 12 in Flight C. There is nowhere else you can win points and get paid to go to the nationals. I hope we will see more pairs playing next year.

The NAPs are a grass-roots national championship. In order to be eligible to represent us at the nationals everybody has to qualify in a NAP club qualifying game. The qualifying games are held nationally during June, July and August.

You don't have to play in a qualifying game in District 20. You may play in any ACBL-sanctioned qualifying game. Though you may qualify anywhere in ACBL land, you must be a member of

NAP winners

Flight A

- 1 Ben Bomber – Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 2 Charlene Martindale – Ian Martindale, Boise ID
- 3 Eric Stoltz, Portland OR – Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 4 Merlin Vilhauer, Portland OR – Sandra Marlin, Versailles KY

Flight B

- 1 Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA – Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
- 2 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR – Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA
- 3 Roger Thomas, West Linn OR – James Weider, Portland OR
- 4 Michael Pavlik, Ashland OR – Ted Marconi, Mount Shasta CA
- 5 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI – Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI

Flight C

- 1 Dennis Viner, Kapaa HI – Tad Kelly, Denver CO
- 2 Care Parker, Portland OR – Joe Morgan, Vancouver WA
- 3 Jared Jenkins – Phil Emerson, Boise ID
- 4 Carol Schaafsma – Ann Bogart, Eugene OR
- 5 Sheryl Williams – Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR

the district in which you play the finals.

Everybody who played in our finals was a D20 member except for a fill-in pair in Flight A, drafted at the last minute so that nobody would have a sitout.

I received many inquiries about players that some thought might not be eligible. Our director in charge checked everybody. Please don't worry about players from outside our district playing.

They aren't eligible.

Our director does a lot of work. Besides checking the points and residence of every player, the director sets up the movements and has to be flexible as our fields change. In the open pairs we had an uneven number and were happy to add a pair the day before the finals.

We were left scrambling when we received a last-minute cancellation. I was calling players at 10:50 before our 11 a.m. start time. Luckily, we found a fill-in pair at the last minute. We found pairs and players in Flights B and C as well. In all our flights we played movements in which all the players played the same number of boards against all the other pairs. Seeding is not much of a factor when everybody plays everybody.

Rich Carle, our D20 webmaster, also does a tremendous amount of work. He coordinates the entries and posts the convention cards. Our events would never run as smoothly without his tireless work.

It would be much easier if players would email PDFs of their cards with

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Ethics

Take care to avoid giving UI in F2F games

Several years ago, my partner, Peggy McCluskey, and I were playing in a sectional in Eugene and our opponents were Roger McNay and his partner. On the first board, they were in 6♣, and it was down one when it should have been down three as we failed to cash a good heart plus one other trick. At the end of the round, Roger asked if he could speak with me away from the table. He wanted to let me know how much unauthorized information I was providing to my partner. "I knew you had the cashing ♥A plus another trick. You cannot be doing that at the table." Up to that point I had taken pride in my table presence. Roger's

kind counseling was a bit of a rude awakening.

So, what's the point? The point is that while I thought my table presence was impeccable, it was anything but that. With the return of f2f bridge, it's worth spending a little time discussing UI at the table.



Don Marsh
Trumpet Contributor

It's Law 16 that deals with unauthorized information, and it is one of the laws we should all be very, very familiar with. The part of the law that I am addressing here is partner's "tempo, expression, mannerisms, remarks, and other such behavior."

We all know that we should, as much as possible, bid and play in tempo. Consider this situation though. You are next to play to a trick and you begin to pull a card, change your mind, and select another card. Innocent enough. However, you have now provided your partner with UI. Partner now knows that you have at least one more card in that suit. (Assumption here is that we all know that "coffeehousing" – attempting to deceive the opponents by pretending to have more than one card in a suit when you hold a singleton – is illegal.)

Similarly, wincing or shifting ever so slightly when partner fails to lead your suit or give you your ruff are all examples of UI. Are they overt and egregious? No. However, UI is UI is UI.

Established partnerships especially must pay attention here. When playing with a regular partner, it is very easy to tell when partner is pleased or displeased.

When you provide UI at the table, you are likely creating a problem for partner. A play or call that partner might have been intending to make may no longer be available.

To quote Jeff Goldsmith, a team lead on the National Appeals Committee and a casebook commentator, "UI arises. It is not illegal to transmit UI to partner unintentionally. That happens. Bridge is a hard game, so we have to think sometimes. All sorts of problems arise which can cause UI. These are normally not infractions of the law."

Once again, what's the point? Well, the point is, the possibility exists that most of us could probably tighten up our game in this area. If the shoe fits here, then that is not a good thing. You need to find another pair of shoes.

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Vancouver Bridge Club

Unit 452

Non-Life Master Sectional

Jan. 8-9, 2022

- Saturday, 10 a.m.:** Single session pairs (stratified)
Saturday, 3 p.m.: Single session pairs (stratified)
Sunday, 10 a.m. & TBA: Two session Swiss Teams (stratified)

Stratifications:

0-500 NLM: A=300-500; B=100-300; C=0-100

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

- Fees:** \$9 per player per session
 Lapsed ACBL members pay \$4 more per session
 Sunday lunch: \$5 includes sandwich and salad

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NEW MEMBERS

- Bern Burkhalter, Lahaina HI
- Helen Cleary, Ashland OR
- Barbra Crumley, Lake Oswego OR
- Gary Crumley, Lake Oswego OR
- Kathleen Dalke, Mosier OR
- Nancy Dalton, Portland OR
- Gary Hallmark, Portland OR
- Michael Heher, Corvallis OR
- Brenda Hummelt, Portland OR
- Myra Myatt, Honolulu HI
- Lee Saylor, New Plymouth ID
- Molly Schmidt, Portland OR
- John Stotka, Langlois OR
- Carol Tracy, Ashland OR
- David Trustran, Truckee CA
- Tiffany Trustran, Truckee CA
- Rosemary Ward, Truckee CA
- Scott Weaver, Portland OR

Welcome!



THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Sherry Squirrel says goodbye

Farewell to all my former bridge buddies.

Bridge online is way more fun than I had thought. But I always thought that I would lose out on my real life if I got addicted to online bridge. Real life at the bridge club might be a little overrated, and cheating is definitely the negative, sad, hard-to-believe downside of online bridge.

Now I find that I have no idea about who has passed at the bridge club.

Of course, all of us have passed. Unfortunately, lots of good partners have passed away. So, this article is in memoriam to all the sad losses of partners since March of 2020.

Bridge is so much a partnership game and it is so sad to lose a good partner. You had your favorite conventions worked out. Now you need to work out conventions with a new partner. We are unhappy to disappoint partner while annoyed at ourself.

One of the newer conventions to this squirrel is Spiral. It is a wonderful convention describing opener's hand as minimum or maximum, with three- or four-card support. It's easy to use and so useful in getting to game or staying out of bad games. There was a good article in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin about it (November 2020, p23).

One of the most impressive players (an Owl) told me her favorite convention is when partner opens 1NT, responder asks 2♣ Stayman, and partner answers with either major. If the answer is 2♥, 3♠ sets hearts as trump, if the answer is 2♠, 3♥ sets spades as trump. So now you can cue bid at the four level or ask Blackwood around your agreed upon suit. What a clever convention and so useful.

Every time you add a new convention to your card, you give up a natural bid, but sometimes the lost bid had no real use to you anyway.

One couple told me they have a partnership agreement not to lead a doubleton. Not my favorite lead, nor an agreement I

am likely to adopt.

Loser count is my favorite hand evaluation, once we have a fit.

"Win the postmortem by leading your partner's suit." That's something I cannot get the robots to do.

Support your partner is one of my favorite mantras.

This is not a convention, but a great partnership agreement: Don't discuss hands until the game is over.

See you at the club. I played yesterday and attendance was very light. It was quite fun, except when I revoked. Focus, focus.

My favorite memorial from a long-married bridge couple: "Admit 2 to the adventure of a lifetime." Bridge just adds so much life to a partnership. The bridge community is quite empathetic.

I started the Sherry Squirrel journey with bridge rules of which there are so many, and ended on partnership agreements and conventions of which there are even more.

Now Sherry is one of many, teaching BridgeWhiz kids to expose the next generation to this amazing game. I am now Margi.redden@BridgeWhiz.org.



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

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A Fine Romance

A fine romance, with no kisses
A fine bridge game, my friend this is
We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes
But you're as cold as yesterday's mashed potatoes
A fine romance, you won't nestle
A fine bridge game, you won't wrestle
I might as well play bridge
With my old maid aunt
I haven't got a chance
This was a fine romance

SECTIONALS

Upcoming sectionals

Vancouver I/N

The Vancouver I/N Sectional will be held Jan. 8-9 at the Vancouver (WA) Bridge Club. See ad page 3 for details.

Garden Island

The Garden Island Sectional will be held Jan. 14-16 at the Kauai Philippine Cultural Center in Lihue HI. See ad page 11 for details.

Portland

The Portland Winter Sectional will be held Jan 28-30 at the Portland Bridge Club at Lloyd Center in Portland. See ad page 10 for details.

Big Island

The Big Island Sectional will be held Feb. 19-21 at Makua Lani Christian Academy in Kailua Kona HI. See ad page 11 for details.

Corvallis

The Heart of the Valley Sectional will be held March 4-6 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis OR. See ad page 10 for details.

DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

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Staci Christian, Beaverton OR
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Vern Katz, Eugene OR
Willy Suriano, Portland OR

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Diane Smith, West Linn OR
Wayne Winther, Kalama WA
Gay Yamagiwa, Honolulu HI

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Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR
R. Peel, Milwaukie OR
Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
Janis Trussell, Longview WA
Jim Windus, Vancouver WA
Marian Wong, Portland OR

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Joan Sullens, Redding CA
Martie Wright, Honolulu HI

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Thomas McQuade, Gresham OR
Richard Morris, Beaverton OR
Sandra Watson, Boise ID

DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS

James Smith, Mapleton OR

NA Events: GNT will start soon

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their registration. Rich and I were posting cards Friday night before our Saturday event. Please make our jobs easier by being timely.

GNT

The Grand National Teams will start soon. In D20 you do not need to qualify to play in our GNT finals. However, the GNT qualifying games are great practice and pay extra points.

Please support our local clubs and play in a few. Get your teams together now. We will be running extended round robins as we have for the last two years. We will try to get everybody a bunch of matches against players from all across the district.

I have made new friends playing in the GNT. I hope we set new records for participation and all play above average.

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



Openings in district leadership

District 20 is looking to fill several positions that are open. Job responsibilities can be found in the Manual of Policies and Procedures:

- President
http://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_2_Off.pdf
- Education Liaison
https://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_9_EdLias.pdf
- I/N Coordinator
https://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_8_INCord.pdf



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February 21-27, 2022

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Feb. 21

7 pm.....Columbia River Bracketed KOs
(winners continue 10:30 & 3 Tuesday)
7 pm.....Stratified Open Charity Pairs
(Evening Side Game Series 1 of 4)
7 pm..... ♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs

TUESDAY, Feb. 22

10:30 am Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
10:30 & 3..... Open Pairs
10:30 & 3..... ♦ Honeysuckle Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 & 3..... Bracketed Swiss Teams
10:30 & 3..... Columbia River Bracketed KOs
(continued)
3 pm.....Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
3 pm..... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
8 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (2 of 4)

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23

10:30 am Morning Side Games Series (2 of 5)
10:30 & 3..... Vancouver Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Thursday)
10:30 & 3..... Open Pairs
10:30 & 3..... ♦ Rose Gold Rush Pairs
3 pm.....Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
3 pm..... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
8 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (3 of 4)

THURSDAY, Feb. 24

10:30 am Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
10:30 & 3..... Open Pairs
10:30 & 3..... ♦ Rhododendron Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 & 3..... Bracketed Swiss Teams
10:30 & 3..... Vancouver Bracketed KOs (continued)
3 pm.....Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
3 pm..... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
8 pm..... Thurs-Fri Evening Zip Swiss Teams
(three rounds of six boards; continues Friday)

FRIDAY, Feb. 25

10:30 am Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
10:30 & 3..... Mount Hood Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Saturday)
10:30 & 3..... Open Pairs
10:30 & 3..... ♦ Azalea Gold Rush Pairs
3 pm.....Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
3 pm..... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
8 pm..... Thurs-Fri Evening Zip Swiss Teams
(second of two sessions)

SATURDAY, Feb. 26

10:30 am Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
10:30 & 3..... Ridgefield Compact Bracketed KOs
10:30 & 3..... A/X Pairs
10:30 & 3..... B/C Midflight Pairs
10:30 & 3..... ♦ Tulip Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 & 3..... Mount Hood Bracketed KOs (continued)
3 pm.....Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)
3 pm..... ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
8 pm..... Evening Side Game Series (4 of 4)

SUNDAY, Feb. 27

10 & TBA AX Y Swiss Teams
10 & TBA ♦ Bracketed Round Robin Teams
10 & 1 Fast Pairs

STRATIFICATIONS

Open Pairs: Open/3000/1500
♦ Gold Rush Pairs (Under 750): 750/300/200
A/X Pairs: Open/4000
B/C Midflight Pairs: 3000/1500
♦ 299er Events (Under 300):
A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50
Open Swiss Teams: Open/2500/750
AX Y Swiss Teams: Open/5000/3000
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (Under 2500):
0-2500 (no player over 2500); groups by MP range;
gold points in each group.
Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total.
Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team. Play
two times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
♦ Indicates I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) events

LODGING

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RESERVATIONS: Direct link at acbl20.org or email vancouver-washington@hilton.com (code ACB) or phone 360-993-4500 or 800-445-8667 and ask for code ACB.
Rates: \$166 and up
Cutoff Date: Jan. 30, 2022, or when room block is full
Parking: Park 'N Go at Sixth & Washington
Directions from Portland: North over I-5 bridge; exit 1B City Center; left lane to E. 6th
Directions from North: From I-5 S, exit 1C Mill Plain Blvd.; left on Washington, right on W. 6th.

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I/N COORDINATOR: TBD

♦ Speakers ♦ Mini-lessons ♦ Party ♦ Gold Rush Pairs ♦

TABLE FEES

ACBL members \$15;
unpaid \$19; under age 26 \$6;
8 pm sessions: \$10.



D20 WEBSITE
acbl20.org

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.

Coming in 2022:

A regional for every season!



OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

spring

May 16-22
Bend

A banner for the Oregon High Desert Regional featuring a landscape with a river, trees, and mountains under a sunset sky. The text 'OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL' is in red at the top. Below it, 'May 16-22' and 'Bend' are in white. A green box with the word 'spring' is on the left, and a green arrow points down from the top of the banner.



Treasure Valley Regional

in beautiful Idaho

July 25-31
Boise

summer

A banner for the Treasure Valley Regional featuring a sunset over a field of purple flowers. The text 'Treasure Valley Regional' is in white with a blue outline. Below it, 'in beautiful Idaho' is in a script font. 'July 25-31' and 'Boise' are in white. A yellow box with the word 'summer' is on the left, and a yellow arrow points down from the top of the banner.



The Oregon Coast Regional

at Seaside

fall

Sept. 26 – Oct. 2

A banner for The Oregon Coast Regional featuring a beach scene with waves and a pier. The text 'The Oregon Coast Regional' is in red. 'at Seaside' is in a blue script font. A red box with the word 'fall' is on the left, and a red arrow points down from the top of the banner.

Play of the Hand

Playing bridge on autopilot can wreck your game

If you sometimes play bridge on autopilot, it means you're going on muscle memory, not pausing to think about your play or your strategy, failing to consider the possible consequences of a play.

Declarers especially must snap out of it before commencing play.

In this online hand, if South took the road of finesse, there definitely would be regrets. Yes, overtricks are gold in matchpoint play, but playing for overtricks at the risk of going down is fool's gold.



Jim Flint
Play of the Hand

Dir: North ♠A Q 10 4
Vul: E/W ♥K J 10
Lead: ♣2 ♦7

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

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When dummy is tabled after the lead, South counts his possible losers: a club, diamond and spade. If the club finesse is on, there is no club loser. If the spade finesse is on, there is no spade loser.

So tempting. But he should consider what might happen if a finesse fails.

The opening lead of the ♣2 looks like a singleton. He didn't lead his partner's suit. If South finesses the queen, losing to the king, West ruffs the club return, gets back to East with a diamond, and overruffs South's 9 with the 10 of trumps.

Down two. A prudent South will go up with the ♠A to avoid that scenario.

South now considers a trump finesse. But wait. If it loses to the king, East cashes the ♣K, leads another club, ruffed by West, and the defense gets a spade, a club, a diamond and a club ruff. Down one.

The only sensible thing to do is cash the ♠A and lead another spade, hoping for a happy split of trumps. If trumps don't split well, the plan still works if the long spades are in East's hand, or, if not, if East has a singleton honor.

In this deal, South could afford to lose the ♣K, but not a club ruff. And he could afford to lose the ♠K, but not that club ruff. After two rounds of trumps, West had no spade left to ruff a club.

At many of the other tables, the declarers followed the crowd of finesse takers and lived to regret it.

Hand No. 2

On this BBO deal, with 11 high card points and six nice clubs, North took a chance that South either had the ♠A or could get to dummy after knocking out the ace.

However, South has to think things through before embarking on a line of play. If a Tesla can crash on autopilot, so can a declarer. South has to be aware and

nimble enough to be able to switch gears if necessary.

Dir: South ♠Q 4 2
Vul: Both ♥Q 6
Lead: ♥J ♦J 7
♣K Q J 9 5 3
♠7 6 3 ♠K J 8 5
♥J 10 9 8 4 3 ♥7 5 2
♦K 4 2 ♦6 5 3
♣4 ♣A 7 6
♠A 10 9
♥A K
♦A Q 10 9 8
♠10 8 2

West	North	East	South
			INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When West tabled the ♥J, South was looking at only four cashing tricks. He has to find a bunch more.

If South leads a club to dummy, East can't take the ace right away, otherwise South gets five clubs and four tricks in the other three suits, making the contract.

If East ducks the first club, South could switch to diamonds and try the finesse. It

loses, a heart comes back, and now declarer has only eight tricks.

On the other hand, if South tries to set up clubs, East can simply hold off until the third round, clear the hearts, and now South gets only six tricks — two clubs, two hearts, a diamond and a spade.

It doesn't matter who has the ♠K, the queen can never provide an entry to dummy. If West has it, he'll take it and cash his hearts. If East has it, she gobbles North's queen and leads a diamond to West's king.

The solution is for South to lead clubs twice. When East doesn't take his ace either time (and he must not), South then can switch to diamonds, giving up a diamond to West's king, earning his nine tricks — two clubs, two hearts, a spade and four diamonds.

East has to be smart enough to hold up on the ♠A. But South has to be equally sharp and count his winners, abandoning clubs and switching gears after two rounds when East holds up on the ace.

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Deadline notice for Sectional Tournament organizers

Please submit tournament flyers to the ACBL website at least **six months** in advance of **all** tournaments to ensure timely inclusion in the Trumpet. Flyers for sectionals held in April, May and June are due in January.

D20 seeks Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator

The I/N coordinator is responsible for planning, promoting and conducting I/N events at District 20 mainland regional tournaments. Duties include arranging speakers and hosting a reception during regionals, arranging prizes, writing in the Trumpet and attending board meetings.

For a complete list of responsibilities, see the manual of policies and procedures:

http://web2.acbl.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_8_INCoord.pdf

Compensation includes travel and lodging expenses for each regional and free plays.

Interested?

Contact District President Mike Eyer, leela.tardis@gmail.com, or Business Manager Marie Ashton, marieashton@comcast.net.



ACBL District 20

Grand National Teams 2022 Finals

Win a trip to the summer NABCs in Providence, RI!

Play in the D20 GNT Finals online. Winning teams in each of the four flights are eligible to advance and receive a subsidy.

Club qualifying going on now!

Club qualifying games may be run between September 1 and February 28. There is no requirement for players to qualify in a club or unit for the District Finals — all D20 members in good standing are eligible to participate.

District Finals

All matches will be played online with BBO at various locations throughout District 20. Pre-registration is required. Information will be available online. The round robin phase will begin in December or January and the knockout phase will extend into April or May. The format and schedule are being developed. Watch the D20 website for updates.

National Finals

Winning teams advance to the GNT National Finals against the other district finalists and may receive a travel subsidy from D20, including amounts from Grass Roots Funds distributions. Subsidies are based on the number of teams entered in each flight and pending district budget approval. Second-place teams in flights B and C may be eligible depending on participation.

The National Finals will be held at the Summer NABCs in Providence, RI. <https://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2207001>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

The ACBL Conditions of Contest is available online at: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2021-22.pdf>

AROUND THE UNITS

Online night game's end aims to boost F2F play

Leah McKechnie discontinued her Tuesday night online club game in early October in favor of supporting Unit 484's only face-to-face game on Tuesday afternoons.

Before the pandemic, and before the bridge center burned down in the Alameda fire, McKechnie conducted live games on Wednesdays, Fridays and Tuesday nights. The night game was always the least attended. Chalk that up to the aging of the bridge membership, many of whom prefer not to drive at night.

Instead of the online game, McKechnie now hosts some of her Tuesday night regulars at her house for casual games.

"I do not want to interfere with the Tuesday F2F game," she said. "But there are a number of people who have stayed with me and Mark on Tuesdays for a long time. I want to give something back to them."



Jackson County
♣♦♥♠
By Jim Flint

bridgewebs.com/unit484medford

McKechnie continues to run virtual club games online on Wednesdays and Fridays. In order to achieve critical mass and field more tables, she invited several other small clubs to pool with her.

Bob Fox, who runs online club games on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, also invited other clubs to pool with his to attract more tables. Pooling is working out well for both club owners, and players are enjoying the bigger turnouts. Both directors have hopes of turnouts continuing to increase.

Masterpoint races

As of Oct. 6, new Unit 484 resident **Brian Breckenridge** of Jacksonville (formerly of Corvallis) was leading the pack in the Mini-McKenney masterpoint race with 161.96 points.

Frequent partners **Jim Flint** and **Bob Scott**, both of Ashland, were in second and third place, respectively, with 127.37 and 125.22. Others on the top nine list were Dennis Kendig, 122.43; Jerry Kenefick, 111.10; Molly Tinsley, 111.02; Alexander Davie, 92.95; Ken Korth, 81.11; and Lois Jones, 14.79. Davie lives in Medford and the rest in Ashland.

The Mini-McKenney totals include points won in all ACBL-sanctioned events except for online games. The exception: online virtual club game points are included.



Redding



By Bud Hamilton

www.bridgescore.com/redding

Club is open but games down 50%

Redding returned to F2F bridge Aug. 2 with vaccination or not vaccinated and wearing masks.

Our Monday game has been running between eight and nine tables and Thursday's game between four and six tables. Contrast that with pre-covid attendance on Mondays of two sections totaling 15-21 tables and Thursdays with up to nine tables.

Mount Shasta hasn't returned to F2F as of this writing and Yreka is playing unsanctioned games with about four tables.

Jerry Anderson's Bridgewater, which operated on Wednesdays and Fridays, is now gone. Many players are playing both BBO and F2F with some online only.

Vickie Pugh, president of the Redding club, did a phone survey and determined many aren't ready to return to the tables, concerned about the Delta variant.

We had canceled our popular fall sectional, primarily concerned about attendance. We have added a unit championship game on the second and fourth Sundays, running four to six tables.

Thanks to **Joan Sullens** for writing our unit report for as far back as our archives go — at least 12 years. We wish her a relaxing retirement.

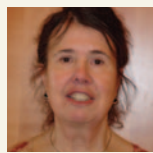
Eureka still in limbo

Our unit has discussed trying a face-to-face meeting in the near future, but there are differing opinions

about the advisability. We have combined with the club in Phoenix, Ore., for the online games.

The future of our club is precarious. Our longtime director, **Mark Phelps**, has health issues, and no other qualified person has the time to be a full-time director. Many of our members are playing online and others are playing party bridge in small groups.

In short: we are still in limbo.



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

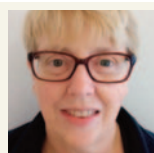
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Free games in Oct., Nov.

Hurrah! We finally got to resume in-person games.

We had one person test positive in August and then we quarantined for September due to Oregon restrictions.

We had a few hiccups getting everything moving along smoothly at the first game, especially with the BridgeMates. We've had to cancel our fall Learn Bridge in a Day? sessions, but hope to offer a new series of classes in late spring. Every time we offer these classes, we get several new members.



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club



By Debbie Grasham

Many of our members have been playing on BBO and we used our co-op payments to sponsor free games in October and November.

If you're ever in our area, be sure to stop by and play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon in the Chetco Activity Center.

Portland Winter Sectional

Jan. 28-30, 2022

FRIDAY, Jan. 28, 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

Open Pairs, single sessions
0-750 Pairs, single sessions
0-200 Pairs, single session at 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 29, 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

Open Pairs, two session play-through
0-750 Pairs, two session play-through
0-200 Pairs, single session at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. and TBA

Two session stratified Swiss teams (A/X and B/C/D)**
Single session stratified pairs at 10 a.m.

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

Stratifications:

200 Pairs: 200/100/50

750 Pairs: 750/400/200

Open Pairs: Unlimited/2000/750

Sunday Swiss, A/X: Unlimited/3000

Sunday Swiss, B/C/D: 2000/1250/750

Sunday Single Session Pairs: Unlimited/2000/750

Portland Bridge Club
2010 Lloyd Center
(third floor)
Portland, OR



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(0-5)
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Per ACBL guidelines, staff and volunteers must be vaccinated for covid-19 and be prepared to show proof of vaccination status. Players should be prepared to wear masks while in the playing area. However, these guidelines may change by tournament time. Updated procedures will be sent out shortly before the tournament

Director in Charge: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Coordinator: Paul Walker, 510-316-3699, pawalker00@gmail.com

Health & Safety Coordinator: Paula Koeller, 503-680-6246, phk520@comcast.net

Partnership Chair: Jon Gassaway, 503-505-8583, jonpgassaway@yahoo.com

\$12 per session. \$16 for lapsed ACBL members. \$5 for students under age 26 with student I.D. & ACBL membership. Sanction #S2201356

No scents or perfume, please

Unit 477

Heart of the Valley Sectional

March 4-6, 2022

Benton County Fairgrounds Auditorium
110 SW 53rd St., Corvallis, OR 97333

- ACBL members: \$10 per player, per session
- Lapsed ACBL members: \$14 per player, per session
- Guest memberships available

Friday, March 4

10 a.m.* 2:30 p.m.*
Stratified Pairs Stratified Pairs

*These are separate events, not play-through

Saturday, March 5

10 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Pairs Stratified Pairs
Play-through for those playing both sessions

Stratifications:

A: 2000+ B: 500-2000 C: 0-500
(Strats determined by top player)

Novice (0-300 MP) games available at all sessions Friday and Saturday with enough participants.

Sunday, March 6

10 a.m. and TBA
Two-session, stratified Swiss Teams

Tournament and Partnerships Chair: Elizabeth Schuft
ElizabethJSchuft@gmail.com

Director in Charge: Jeff Jacob

Tournament flyer not available at press time; all information subject to change.

AROUND THE UNITS

Corvallis, Albany clubs open

Players at the morning bridge game Sept. 28 took time out to honor one of our most active members, **Dennis Harms**. Dennis kept our clubs alive for over a year during the pandemic by setting up club games through Bridge Base Online.

Included in the Mid-Valley games were clubs from Newport, McMinnville, Salem, Portland, Eugene and Albany. Dennis, along with **Mary Alice Seville** and **Dick Jarvinen**, directed the online games and lessons for 14 months until the



Dennis Harms was honored for his contributions.

Corvallis and Albany clubs opened up for in-person games in July. These three donated their time, creating enough revenue for the Corvallis club to keep up with the rent on its facility.

Dennis was instrumental in getting the facility up and running in 2014. He served on the operations committee, working with contractors, getting city permits and signing on as guarantor to the lease with his wife, Carol. He was elected to the board in 2015. In 2019, he started a second club in Corvallis, The New Deal Bridge Club.



Albany/Corvallis

By Kathi Downing

www.acbridge.org

We are all so grateful to Dennis for his commitment to our local clubs. The New Deal Club is still offering its games online, giving more options for players. The Corvallis and Albany clubs are operating in-person on the same schedule as in the past. Players are required to show vaccination cards and wear masks. All games, online or in-person, have been very well patronized.

The best attended game since the Corvallis club reopened was the large gathering at 10 a.m. Oct. 15. It was a special game, hosted by **Jan Boger** in remembrance of her recently deceased husband, **George**.



George Boger

More than 50 people showed up to honor George, not only for his love of the game, but for his good humor and amazing generosity in sharing his construction skills. A beloved member of the group, he has been missed.

Unit celebrates Leigh Wells

Unit 479 held a celebration of **Leigh Wells'** life with its monthly game Oct. 16 at the Emerald Bridge Club.

It was a wonderful event. Leigh's two children, Kristen and Leigh Jr., were present along with Kristen's husband, Mike, and granddaughter Leah and her husband Jonny and cousin Ann.

The family shared some great Leigh stories. The kids regaled us with lots of their memories of Leigh, including an especially touching one about how he would take the kids to Disneyland despite his intense dislike for the place.

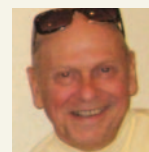


Leigh Wells

Ralph Zack, Leigh's bridge and golf partner, shared several memories. Ralph said Leigh spent over \$200 on a new driver that gained him an extra 10 yards on his drives and how proud he was of that. "I'm sure he would have spent \$500 if it had gotten him 15 yards," Ralph said.

Leigh was charter member of those who always contribute more than their share. Leigh took on the jobs that no one wanted to do. He taught the mini-lesson before the Wednesday night game at EBC, did the coffee for the sectional and, most notable of all, was the partnership chair for our sectional and the regional.

We are also saddened at the passing of



Eugene/Springfield

By Don Marsh

www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

Hazel Jones. She was a longtime partner of **Chuck Johns** in the Wednesday evening 299er game.

Elections for five unit board positions are coming up in February. Members who are interested in serving should contact president **John Wolf** or any other board member.

In a related manner, the board has decided not to hold the annual election party at Shadow Hills. It's hard to imagine that there would be a large enough turnout to merit holding it there. Instead, the unit will hold a single session event at EBC.

One of the good things about online bridge is that it is harder, though not impossible, to pass unauthorized information to your partner. With the return of F2F, this is an area we probably could all spend just a little time monitoring to make sure we are not guilty of this.

Ginny Stark and **Steve Pessin** had a 76% game Oct. 14.

It's not too early to start planning for the annual Laurie Hunter New Year's Eve party at EBC. The Friday evening event will be a potluck affair.

Clubs back; online still there

Another pandemic year has come and gone. Here's hoping that we are able to return to some sense of bridge normalcy in 2022. In the meantime, best wishes to all.

Comings and goings

News reached the unit of the deaths of **Jim Butler** and **Norma Frechin**. Both were longtime members of Salem Bridge Club and will be missed.

In happier news, Unit 490 would like to welcome transfer **Monte Garrett** to the area. We're glad to have you here!

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 — 499ers on Wednesday mornings, 299ers Thursday evenings, and open games on Friday afternoons. 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 BBO game is offered every Tuesday



Salem

By Kevin Kacmarynski

www.salembridgeclub.org

evening at 6:30. Both OVBC and SBC remain participating members of 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 299er game, also at 1 p.m. on Thursdays.

The next unit game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Rank changes

Congratulations to **Susan Owens**, Unit 490's newest Life Master. Other rank changes include NABC Master Chris Owens and Ruby Life Master Kevin Kacmarynski.

Unit Game results

The first unit game since March 2020 was played recently. Congratulations to the winners: 1A: Steve Drew – Marion Hull; 2A/1B: 1C: Don Pitt – Lee Machado; 3A: Zina Galaka – Susan Palmer.

District, Unit 491 boards send parting gifts to Sue Kroning

Dear District 20 and Unit 491 board members,

Yesterday I received a mystery package that contained several beautiful gifts and cards, all elegantly wrapped and beribboned so it was a special joy to discover them all.

I am most deeply touched by this recognition by the bridge community. First, by the gifts which are the most beautiful works of glass art as seen in the picture. An orb depicting waves breaking on the sand and an elegant starfish from the D20 Board, and a lovely set of jewelry from the Seaside Unit 491 Board – all these I love and will always treasure.

Secondly, I'm touched by both the letter from the district board with personal mes-



Sue Kroning displays gifts she received from the bridge community.

sages from the directors and area reps, and the special card signed by all the Seaside Unit 491 bridge players. All of you are personal friends and that is the best reward from my involvement with "bridge behind the scenes."

We are making new friends through bridge here in Angels Camp, Calif., but still, I miss you all very much and hope

and expect that our paths will cross again when bridge gets back to normal.

Thank you so very much for these heartwarming gifts and tributes.

With deep appreciation and special thanks to Jon, Barbara, Sandy, Ann and Monica.

Sue Kroning

Garden Isle Sectional

Jan. 14-16, 2022

Tournament Chair

Cheryl Haines, cherhaines@gmail.com

Partnership Chair

Loring Harkness, leh3pc@gmail.com

All players must RSVP at kauaisectional.com

Friday, Jan. 14

1:30 p.m. ... Kilauea Lighthouse Stratified Open Pairs, \$24/pair

Saturday, Jan. 15

9 a.m. Wailua Falls Stratified Open Pairs, \$24/pair
1:30 p.m. ... Poipu Beach Stratified Open Pairs, \$24/pair

Sunday, Jan. 16

9 a.m. Lolita Horney Memorial Stratified Swiss Teams (Two sessions, 20 Victory Point Scale; \$96/team, includes both sessions)

Proof of vaccination required; see kauaisectional.com for submission instructions. Masks may be required.

Stratified Open Pairs/
Stratified Swiss Teams –
A: 1000+; B: 400-1000;
C: 0-400

Add \$4 per player per session for lapsed ACBL members

The Bridge Building
Makua Lani
Christian Academy
74-4966 Kealaka'a St.
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Kailua-Kona

Big Island Sectional

Feb. 19-21, 2022

Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 19

Stratified open pairs 9 a.m.
Stratified 299er pairs: 9 a.m.
Stratified open pairs: 1 p.m.
Stratified 299er pairs: 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20

Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions):
9 a.m., 1 p.m.
Side Swiss Teams (single sessions):
9 a.m., 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 21

Stratified open pairs 9 a.m.
Stratified 299er pairs: 9 a.m.
Stratified open pairs: 1 p.m.
Stratified 299er pairs: 1 p.m.

Entry fees

Open pairs, 299er pairs events: \$10 per player; lapsed ACBL members, \$14. Guest memberships available.

Swiss Teams: This two-session event is \$100 per team of 4, plus \$10 for each additional player.

Side Swiss Teams: Each session, \$50 per team.

*Free play for a player in a 299er event with less than 5 masterpoints and is a paid ACBL member.

Chairperson: Jean Zoeller, (310) 704-8238;

jeansunshine80@gmail.com

Partnerships: Penny Kallaus, (702) 480-8358;

pennykallaus@hotmail.com

Tournament Director: Patrick Kallaus

Stratification by average

Open = unlimited/2000/500 • 299er = 300/200/100

ACBL Unit 469 • Hilo, Kona, Waikoloa

Masks, proof of covid vaccination & reservations required.
Marlene Sabo
konasabo@hawaii.rr.com



Ask Jeff

ACBL tournament director Jeff Jacob answers your questions on rulings

Dear Jeff,

Here's one that won't happen on BBO. At my local club, three players pulled the cards from one board, but the fourth player had cards from a different board. We finally noticed when, after the opening lead and dummy came down, the third seat had several of the same cards as the dummy! We then saw that the colors on the backs of the cards were different – red and blue.

Who's responsible?

P.S.: Three people were actually guilty, the one person with the blue cards had pulled from the right board.

— Color Blind

Dear Color Blind,

I seem to get this ruling a couple times a year. Law 15 in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge covers the situation. If only one person had pulled the wrong hand, and we catch it before partner bids, we get to back up the auction and bid with the correct hand. Most of the time, it is not until dummy comes down that somebody notices that are two cards the same. In case if you have a singular offender, it is average minus for the offending side and average plus for the non-offending side. In this case we actually have two offending sides and both get average minus.

Now for the hard part: A second board may be affected. If the cards came from a previous board, then no damage. If they came from a board the partnerships have yet to play, then the auction needs to be monitored to see if the hand(s) makes the same bid; if they do, no damage done. If they don't, then we again go with average minus for the offender(s), and average plus for the non-offending side.



Dear Jeff,

I noticed there seems to be a level of toxicity that comes with online play. Any suggestions?

— Good Vibes

Dear Good Vibes,

Yes, a lot of comments can be perceived as unpleasant, but as a player you can only control yourself. As a director, I like calls that only state the facts, i.e., North is not bidding, East is not playing, West has gone "red" (meaning they have been disconnected), instead of "North is asleep" or "East is stalling." Adding courtesies, as we were taught when we were kids, like "please" and "thank you," make the playing experience much more enjoyable. Playing online with your local club, where you know the players, instead of in the larger anonymous games, can make your experience more pleasant.

Hope these suggestions help.

Send questions to jeff.jacob@acbl.org.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

DECEMBER 2021

No events scheduled

JANUARY 2022

Jan. 1–May 20

8–9

14–16

~~Jan. 24–30~~

28–30

Grand National Teams
Vancouver Winter I/N Sectional
Garden Island Sectional
~~HAWAII REGIONAL~~ ~~CANCELED~~
Portland Winter Sectional

Online at various locations
Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI
~~Prince Waikiki, Honolulu HI~~
Portland Bridge Club, Portland OR

FEBRUARY 2022

19–21

Feb. 21–27

Big Island Sectional
OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

Makua Lani Christian Academy, Kailua Kona HI
Vancouver Wash. Hilton, Vancouver WA

MARCH 2022

4–6

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TBA

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Corvallis Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
Chico Sectional
Rogue Valley Sectional

Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
TBA, Chico CA
TBA, Medford OR

APRIL 2022

TBA

9–10

TBA

29–1

Redding Sectional
Vancouver Spring Sectional
Ontario Sectional
Seaside Sectional & I/N Regional

Win-River Resort & Casino, Redding CA
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
TBA, Ontario OR
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

MAY 2022

4–6

13–15

May 16–22

TBA

Corvallis Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
ORE. HIGH DESERT REGIONAL
Portland Spring Sectional

Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend OR
TBA, Portland OR

JUNE 2022

TBA

TBA

Eugene Sectional
Salem Sectional

TBA, Eugene OR
TBA, Salem OR

JULY 2022

8–10

July 25–31

Honolulu Sectional
TREASURE VALLEY REGIONAL

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Nampa Civic Center, Nampa ID

AUGUST 2022

12–14

Vancouver Summer Sectional

Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

Feb. 4–6

March 4–6

March 18–20

April 4–10

April 28–May 1

June 21–26

Aug. 22–28

Bellingham Sectional WA
Seattle Sectional, Everett WA
Sidney Sectional BC
Leavenworth Regional WA
Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
Anchorage Regional AK
Lynnwood Regional WA

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

Dec. 3–5

Jan. 3–9

March 5–6

April 2–3

May 30–June 5

Sacramento Sectional CA
Monterey Regional CA
Santa Rosa Sectional CA
Modesto Sectional CA
Sacramento Regional CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

Jan. 13–16

March 25–27

May 9–15

Missoula Sectional MT
Calgary Sectional AB
Lethbridge Regional WA

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

Jan. 17–23

Feb. 28–March 6

April 22–24

May 24–30

Albuquerque Regional NM
Tucson Regional AZ
Scottsdale Sectional & I/N Regional CO
Denver Regional CO

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

Dec. 13–19

Jan. 31–Feb. 6

April 11–17

Palm Springs Regional, Rancho Mirage CA
Costa Mesa Regional CA
San Diego Regional CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov. 25 – Dec. 5

March 10–20

July 14–24

Nov. 24 – Dec. 4

Fall 2021

Spring 2022

Summer 2022

Fall 2022

JW Marriott, Austin TX

Silver Legacy/Circus Circus, Reno NV

Convention Center, Providence RI

Convention Center, Phoenix AZ

Eyer: Will normal be back soon?

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various online bridge services, especially BBO where we have multiple ways to support our local clubs, the district and the ACBL. But it's definitely not F2F. So, thanks to all of you for being like Sloopy and hanging in there.

Clubs and tourneys are slowly coming back. So far, attendance is running about 40% of the numbers from the same tournaments in 2019, and creeping upwards. The Austin NABC will be a big test. By next February, the fantastic tournament Amy

has planned should be close to normal.

Behind the scenes, your board and staff have been putting in long hours to make our return to F2F as seamless as possible. As a district we absolutely couldn't function without the tireless, courteous energy of **Marie Ashton**. From preparing financial documents to reviewing contracts, she does it all with grace and institutional memory.

The district has been blessed to have **Laurie Rowe** as our representative on the national board. We appreciate her untold hours of Zooms and calls, fielding the maze of business and tourneys, plus the

incredibly thorny issues around cheating.

A special thank you to the elected board representatives: vice president **Jon Gustafson**, treasurer **July Ratley**, secretary **Pete Grice**, members **Merle Stetser**, **Lorraine Roddich**, **Dennis Harms** and the person with the longest, best, institutional memory of all, **Sam Asai**. In the all-around, do everything and do it exceedingly well category is **Rich Carle**. And our Trumpet newspaper is the envy of districts around the ACBL. What a fantastic job.

The major function of the district is to provide you with quality tournaments and we are blessed to have **Amy Casanova**, **Angela Jacob** and **Jim Wheeler** guiding us through cancellations, site changes, nego-

tiations and more.

Our other main duty is to run the GNTs and NAPs. Most of the other districts are in awe of the job Hal, Rich and Marie have done in scheduling, coordinating and budgeting. Thanks to our few paid staff members voluntarily taking pay cuts and the income from the GNTs and NAPs, the district is in decent financial shape.

Please keep in mind the district is a 99.99% volunteer organization and we would love to have you join us.

Remembrances for all the players we've lost; the tables in the sky are overflowing.

District president **Mike Eyer** can be reached at leela.tardis@gmail.com.