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Bridge Across the District

Summer 2022

D20 results in Reno NABC

A few District 20 players made overalls in national events and high overalls in limited national events at the Spring NABC in Reno.

Eric Stoltz and **Dennis Metcalf** were eighth in the North American Pairs Flight A. **Amy Casanova** was 12th in that event with **Ben Bomber** and 16th in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs with **Hal Montgomery**. **Chris Gibson** was 17th in the Silodor Open Pairs with **Eric Sieg**.

Cheryl Haines was third in the 10K Swiss Teams and **Dawn Campbell** was seventh. **Bruce Peterson** and **Kevin Marnell** were second in the 0-2500 Swiss Teams. **Brenda Biermann** was fourth in the 0-2500 Pairs.

In regional events, Gibson was 1B/2A in the Monday Fast Pairs with **Jeff Ford**. **Hendrik Sharples** and **Gerry Marshall** were second in the Sunday Fast Pairs. **Michael Pham** and **Zack Woodbury** were first in B

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ACBL focuses on developing membership

Reno was our second in-person meeting since I was elected to the board. It was great to see so many friendly faces at a national. I've heard from many that Reno is not their favorite venue for an NABC, although the price was right and easy to travel to for us on the West Coast. Providence will be a long trip from the West Coast and flights are expensive. I still hope to see some of you!

The board and the ACBL's focus is truly about retaining and growing members. If this were easy it would have been done.

Many strategies are being examined; currently in process are ways to teach and grow our membership.

We know there are plenty of people who think bridge would be an interesting game and would like to learn. We know there are plenty of folks who play social bridge. How do we get people to the table to learn and how do we get them to a bridge club? What are the best practices? We also know that F2F bridge is

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Laurie Rowe
D20 District Director

The Longest Day



Deanna Heyser, Karen Boss, Meg Craig and Rich Carle are active in supporting the annual charity event.

Driven to give

Committed fundraisers share why they support the cause

By **Jen Smith**
The Trumpet

June 21 marks the summer solstice — the longest day of the year. So it's only fitting that this is the day those living in the darkness of coping with Alzheimer's disease choose to come together in the light and fight for a cure. And the bridge community is among those who do just that.

The Longest Day is ACBL's annual charity event for the Alzheimer's Associa-

tion. Originally a one-day event held on the solstice, it has now expanded into a week of activities aimed to raise awareness and funds for a cure. When you're a caregiver for someone coping with the disease, every day is long, so this event represents a powerful metaphor in the fight against Alzheimer's. Read on to see how different areas of the district are doing their part to give back this year.

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Cheryl Haines of Princeville, Hawaii, is D20's new intermediate/newcomer coordinator.

Getting busy

Cheryl Haines is making things happen from across an ocean as District 20's new I/N coordinator based in Hawaii

By **Chip Dombrowski**
The Trumpet

For eight years, Cheryl Haines did everything for Silicon Valley Youth Bridge. The organization's tremendous success earned founder Debbie Rosenberg the ACBL's Volunteer of the Year award in 2015 and Honorary Member with husband and fellow USBF Junior program coach Michael in 2019. But Rosenberg

was always quick to credit others for the group's endeavors.

"It feels so wrong that I get so much credit, while others who have done at least as much get little or no recognition," she wrote in an article on Bridge Winners in 2019. Here's what Rosenberg had to say about Haines in that article:

"What does Cheryl do? A better question might be, 'What doesn't she do?'"

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Seaside tourney pulls 81%

Far above average for post-covid sectionals

For my first offering as president of D20, I thought I might go against script and type and focus only on some good news.

The recently completed Seaside Sectional is a great starting point.

Jon Gustafson and **Jeff Jacob** and a

host of other folks deserve kudos for a job well done. The sectional itself was within a couple of tables of pre-covid numbers and the I/N regional was at 66%. The combined figure puts it at 81% of previous numbers and that is way

above what we have been seeing for other sectionals. I sense that there is a pent-up energy to attend face-to-face tournaments.

In addition, **Cheryl Haines**, our new I/N coordinator, jumped in and set up a Zoom session with **David Brower** between events on Saturday

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Plan for Boise

Face-to-face bridge is ramping up in the Pacific Northwest! Don't miss out on attending the **Treasure Valley Regional** tournament held Aug. 1-7 at The Riverside Hotel BW Premier Collection in Garden City, Idaho.

Make your reservation today as there is limited availability on excep-

tionally priced rooms where much can be enjoyed at this perfect oasis along the beautiful Boise River.

The tournament schedule has been changed to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be Gold Rush Pairs on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Friday along with Bracketed Teams on Thursday.

Guaranteed rate of \$158 per night is available by calling The Riverside at 208-343-1871.

For more information, contact tournament manager **Angela Jacob** at mrsjacob0617@gmail.com.



Angela Jacob
Tournament Manager

The persistence of the unforeseen

That's a quote from a Thomas Hardy novel, "The Mayor of Casterbridge." I only know that because my dad, who reads a lot of classics, works the good lines he comes across into conversation as often as possible.

That one gets a lot of mileage.

Perhaps we might have predicted that a global pandemic would change nearly every facet of life for us. I mean, science fiction has plenty of scenarios that pretty much read like today's newspaper. Yet it seems as if every new wave catches us unprepared and a little off-guard, scrambling to figure out what to do.

How can bridge administrators and organizers foresee the next few years, which feel crucial to get right?

One big issue for the district is trying to make sure our regionals don't lose a lot of money. With rising costs everywhere, tournaments are expensive to run and a tough sell: travel; stay overnight; eat out; table fees ... it adds up fast. Sometimes the tournaments are so poorly attended it hardly feels worth it. And there's a risk you might get sick. Staying home playing from the couch sounds just about right.

Another issue is supporting our bridge clubs, which we know are vital for new player development and creating a community of volunteers — both essential.

Many clubs have given up on their brick-and-mortar identities, existing solely on BBO. Is that fair?

One thing that is certain is that online everything is here to stay. I think of the years the board spent arguing about hosting North American events online. I wrote several articles urging players to get on the internet and click around, try it out. We *could* (and some of us did) predict that our phones and computers would revolutionize the way we do things. And that time is certainly here with more of it to come.

Yes, it can be frustrating. Yes, sometimes apps and websites don't work very well or crash or it's just plain difficult to find what you want. That's why we need to hear from you! What's working well? What isn't? What would you like to see done differently? What, if anything, would get you out to a tournament or back to your club regularly?

Our next regional is Aug. 1-7 in Boise. The ACBL is rolling out a program called Entry Express, where you can buy your event entry online. You do need to know your player number and it helps to know your partner's (and teammates'), although there is a search function to help you.

At this time, only one method of payment can be used, meaning you can't split it with your partner or team. There is also a sec-

tion where you can just indicate interest in an upcoming event, which can help organizers predict attendance — always useful!

Hopefully these features will be launched and user-friendly by the time August rolls around. Think of how much time this will save the directors — and you! No more standing in line waiting to pay. You'll know your table assignment and can cruise right in, have a seat and focus on your game. The directors can know in advance how many sections, the best movements, how many brackets in the KOs and get everyone started on time.

So many people have said that bridge was a lifeline for them during the early days (years?) of the pandemic and lockdown. They learned how to use BBO and stayed connected to their partners and friends. It's important that bridge is here for people for years to come.

We have always relied on volunteers, and it seems as if the only certainty is that's not going to change; in fact it will be more necessary than ever. Our new president, **Don Marsh**, has already logged tremendous hours and done a great job, just by asking questions and looking into why we do things the way we do and how it's maybe time for some of that to change to be prepared for the future, in all of its unforeseen glory.

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Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

It's the end of the world as we know it

As a new player in 2008, I went to zero bridge tournaments. I thought about it, but I didn't feel confident with any of my club partners, so I didn't go.

In 2011 I went to five — three sectionals and two regionals.

In 2014, when I was making an effort to get all around the district as Trumpet editor, I went to 17. And another 16 in the next year before I moved to Memphis.

I slowed down a lot once I was away from District 20, and in 2017, I went to eight.

In 2020 I made it to one sectional in January and two online regionals.

What 2023 will look like will depend on where I'm living, but if it's anything like the past year, probably few tournaments. It's only been about eight months since tournaments resumed, and in that time I've been to five, including two that I had to for work. And if I had only worked at the NABCs I wouldn't count them, but I did manage to play a couple days at both.

Even before the pandemic I was wondering if I would ever again be the sort of person who went to 17 tournaments a year.

Now we're all starting from zero. It seems clear people are not jumping back into their 2019 schedules, whether that was three to five or 10 to 12 a year. Will we slowly creep back to them? Or will the change for most people be more like what it was for me when I moved — maybe about half, indefinitely?

In his first column as president, **Don Marsh** chose to limit himself to good news. I don't know if it's opposite day, but I'm taking a break from my usual fun and games to be the voice of doom and gloom. I guess someone has to do it.

When I reported on the first few months of resumed tournament activity in late 2021, I found they were mostly doing about 45% of where they were in 2019. There wasn't much variation. Some were a little under 40% and none had broken 50%.

It's not like that anymore. Some tournaments are doing fairly well. The Oregon Trail Regional was the first of its size to come in above 50%, reaching 54% of

2020. The Seaside Sectional and I/N Regional drew an impressive 81%.

Others aren't. The Bend Regional finished at 385 tables, 37% of 2018. That's smaller than Reno or Medford were when they dropped off the calendar.

We've been hearing since the start of the pandemic that not all clubs are going to survive. Some policy decisions that allowed a few clubs to dominate the market for online bridge surely contributed to the inability of many others to survive.

Jay Whipple conceived of virtual clubs as isolated from each other, with a captive audience defined by those who had played physically at that club. He knew a free-for-all online marketplace would be a disaster (for clubs — as much as it's a boon for players).

Had the program stayed true to his vision, the prospects for more clubs surviving would likely

be better. But now we do have a market, and it won't be prevented from deciding which clubs survive.

It seems clear that not all tournaments will survive. There were reasonable people saying we had too many tournaments before the pandemic, that the market was oversaturated. We saw tournaments slowly declining from 2017 to early 2020 (and caught some flak for putting those numbers in headlines), but nobody knew how to change it. Who should decide which tournaments are allowed to go on? Now we are finding out the market will decide.

The ACBL allows districts to hold four regionals a year, more if they have a larger population. They could change that to allow three or two, and our board would have to figure out how to adjust. Or they could do nothing and we may still face the possibility that four isn't workable at the present time.

Will our tournaments creep back upward to something approaching 80 or 90%? Or will they downspiral?

We've also known for a while that not all bridge publications are going to survive. Many have already died out, and others have gone online, but none are really thriving there. Those that weren't very good were the first to fall. Those that were



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

Known unknowns?



The Ghost of Bridge Future is haunting us. Are there new opportunities hidden in the looming challenges? Will we rise to meet them? Or will it be as bad as the naysayers suggest? And what are you doing to be the change you want to see?



Deaths

Anne Barbey — 100, of Portland OR, died July 25, 2021.

Norma Black — 84, of Grass Valley CA, died March 18, 2022.

Charlotte Byrne — 82, of Grass Valley CA, died Aug. 1, 2021.

Charlotte Enberg — 96, of Vancouver WA, died March 31, 2022.

Ron Holbrook — 88, of Portland OR, died April 9, 2022.

Sivia Kaye — 86, of Portland OR, died March 27, 2022.

Don Lowry — 75, of Pittsburg KS, formerly of Wilsonville OR, died May 2, 2022.

Duane Meador — 96, of Apex NC, formerly of Vancouver WA, died April 14, 2022.

Carroll Patterson — 91, of Ontario OR, died March 22, 2022.

Elisabeth Perchellet — 73, of Salem OR, died March 13, 2022.

Diane Prettyman — 82, of Redding CA, died March 1, 2022.

Jack Sands — 89, of Portland OR, died May 21, 2022.



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decent but had bloated budgets were next. Back when most districts had a printed publication, The Trumpet cost about half of the cheaper ones and less than one-fourth of others — and it was five times as good!

I thought the high quality to cost ratio would mark us as sure survivors, but the prospects are not looking great. The perks and compensation committee is breathing down my neck, and I don't know how much longer I can outrun them. Could the next issue be our last? Stay tuned.

15-point slam

Things are kinda gloomy, but I never said I was going to limit myself to bad news. I do have a fun hand for you from robot solitaire. Unfortunately BBO logged me out before I had the chance to record it, so I have to approximate.

This was my hand:

♠A Q 10 9 6 2 ♥5 ♦A ♣AJ 10 6 5.

Our wild auction, both vulnerable:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dbl	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbl	6♣	Dbl	All Pass

1. Limit raise or better in hearts

With a human I'd trust that the pass of 5♣ doubled is a preference for clubs, but robots will pass regardless when their preference is that you stop bidding, so I got myself up a level higher. I bid this way all the time with robots because I'm only playing for entertainment. It's bad for my game, but I keep doing it anyway.

So here I am in 6♣ doubled and guess what zero-point dummy I catch this time. Upon the lead of a low heart, I see:

♠4 ♥10 6 4 ♦10 7 3 ♣9 8 7 4 3 2.

East wins the ♥A and exits a diamond. I win the ♦A, cash the ♠A and ruff a spade. When I play a club back to my ace, both the king and queen fall. Another spade ruff fetches the king and jack, and that makes my hand good. Plus 1540. Now that was entertainment.

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NAP AND GNT

Five teams qualify for GNT in Providence

Extended format is being reevaluated for future; feedback, ideas sought

The 2022 Grand National Team district finals have been completed. Five teams have earned the opportunity to represent us at the nationals in Providence this summer. The finalists in each flight are listed at right.

The winners of each flight and the second place Flight B team (because there were at least eight teams in the event) are all eligible to represent D20 at the nationals. Congratulations to all of them. Let us wish that they never misguess a queen in Providence this summer.

Our GNT event is at a crossroads. I am asking every member of the district to email me about changes they would like to see made in our format.

Our last three GNT contests have featured extended round robins with contestants playing from home without monitors. The round robin reduces the field for the knockout portion which determines the winners in each flight.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

This format was very well received the first two years. This year there were more problems.

When we started there were no face-to-face club games or tournaments available for players to compete in. After we started, the ACBL began to offer online regionals and nationals. The second year, clubs had sporadically reopened for F2F play and, though the ACBL continued to offer online regionals and nationals, F2F play at the sectional, regional and national levels had not fully resumed. This year F2F club and tournament play resumed. We had competition. People were busier.

In our format the team captains scheduled their matches. We published timelines in which matches were expected to be played. However, there was always some flexibility in scheduling because the pairings of subsequent matches in the

North American Pairs

Qualifying at our clubs for the North American Pairs starts in June and runs through August. These club games pay extra points, and you get a chance to earn a trip to the nationals. Three players in Flight A and four in each of Flights B and C will earn the right to represent D20 at the Spring NABC in New Orleans in March 2023. District finals will be held in October. See page 13 for more information.



Championship winners: captain Eric Stoltz, John Lusky, Dennis Metcalf, Randy Pickett, John Ashton



Flight A winners: John Gram, Steve Nafus, Craig Jones, captain Duane Christensen



Flight B winners: captain Kevin Marnell, Joe Wilson, Tim Rilling, Don Herring



Flight B second qualifiers: Andrey Dashkov, captain Toni Heitkamp, Bruce Backup, Jon Gassaway



Flight C winners: captain Mark Jansa, Ed Trachtenbarg, Fran Henry-Jansa, Kathleen Hart

round robin are not dependent on the results of the prior matches as they are in a Swiss.

It is from this flexibility that so many problems arose. Some teams made sched-

uling very difficult with endless email chains and last-minute cancellations. Some teams pushed the boundaries of flexibility, getting far behind the schedule. Some teams would only play during the

D20 GNT winners

Championship

- 1 Eric Stoltz – John Lusky – Randy Pickett – John Ashton, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 2 Rick Prouser – Ray Robert – Ed Lee, Portland OR; Dave Green, Sherwood OR

Flight A

- 1 Duane Christensen – Craig Jones – Steve Nafus – John Gram, Boise ID
- 2 Amy Casanova – Rick Prouser – Ray Robert – Ed Lee, Portland OR; Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Dave Green, Sherwood OR

Flight B

- 1 Kevin Marnell, Portland OR; Joe Wilson, Milwaukie OR; Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
- 2 Toni Heitkamp – Bruce Backup, Portland OR; Jon Gassaway – Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR

Flight C

- 1 Mark Jansa – Fran Henry-Jansa – Ed Trachtenbarg – Kathleen Hart, Portland OR
- 2 Dennis Viner – Cyndy Sidore – Sara Rogers, Kapaa HI; Tara Fankhauser, Kilauea HI; Tad Kelly, Denver CO

day or only during the week or weekends. The flexibility that I thought of as a positive feature became a substantial problem.

This year, the problems of scheduling were exacerbated by competition and a shortened time frame. If we were to start our round robin at the beginning of December instead of the beginning of February, we would have more time in which to complete each round robin match. If teams were more aware of the problems they were causing by not prioritizing their matches perhaps things would run smoother. Perhaps we could have some realistic penalties for teams that push their limits.

It is counterintuitive but if there were more teams in some of the flights the scheduling would be easier. The nine teams in the open flight take the most matches to determine a winner. The eight teams in flight A take the second-most matches. The 12 teams in flight B only take seven matches because we divide the flight into two brackets.

What might we put in place instead? Currently the ACBL will still allow us to play from home with no monitors. However, instead of extended round robin play, we could choose a specific weekend over which to run our finals. Everybody would play on that weekend.

We could stage our weekends so that C, B, and A players could still play in more than one flight. In this scenario if you were not available on the weekend chosen for the finals you wouldn't get to play. An advantage of specific weekends is that the dates could be chosen so that the winners would know in time to make travel arrangements.

There must be other formats that players could suggest. There must be other problems that players can tell me about. I hope to hear all your suggestions and all your problems.

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In Memoriam

Jack Sands

March 14, 1933 – May 21, 2022

Raymond J. "Jack" Sands, 89, died peacefully on May 21, at his home in Portland.

He was born and raised in Montana and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in accounting. He attended college on the G.I. Bill after serving in the U.S. Army in Japan during the Korean Conflict.

He worked as an accountant for Safeway in Oakland, Calif., before transferring to the Portland division in 1962. He worked for

Safeway until his retirement in 1997.

He was an avid golfer through age 85 and a Gold Life Master, continuing to play weekly until his death. He was a longtime season-ticket holder of the Portland Trailblazers. For many years he helped represent Safeway at Blazers games, facilitating the halftime fan half-court shot attempt at winning a car.

He was gregarious and friendly to all, and never said a bad word about anyone.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty; sons Tom (Patty), Ron, and Ken



Jack Sands

(Holly); daughters Bonny (Will) and Becky (Wayne); grandchildren Lindsey, Ashley, Connor, and Kerry; great-granddaughter Ellie; sister Barbara; and brother Rex. He was preceded in death by son Daniel.

Arrangements are being handled by Mount Scott Funeral Home in Portland, with private military graveside services pending at Willamette National Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

To draw or not to draw – that is the question

Welcome back! We're going to continue our journey through the fabulous world of fundamentals. As a reminder, it's worth spending the time to ensure you know all the ins and outs of the basics before you attempt to learn the finer points of more complicated agreements. It's amazing how many matchpoints you can save by simply taking care of business without worrying about any snazzy conventions.

Let's take a look at one of the most important declarer fundamentals: whether or not to draw trump. When you were first taught to play bridge, you may have heard your instructor say something to the effect of, "get the children off the street."



Kevin Kacmarynski
Trumpet Contributor

When we're first learning how to play bridge, the training hands may be set up in such a manner where this is exactly the thing to do. Outside of this controlled environment, though, it's not always right. Noted experts Marty Bergen and Larry Cohen suggest that it's only right to draw trump immediately about half the time – maybe even less! So how are we mere mortals supposed to know what to do?

Here's a trick that has worked well for me. When you make your plan for the hand after the opening lead has been made (you do make a plan, right?), include one extra question in your thought process. That question is, "Do I need

dummy's trumps for anything?" To keep things simple, we'll assume that you are in a 5-3 (or better) trump fit, and dummy is the hand with the shorter trump holding. If your hand (as declarer) happens to have the shorter trump holding, simply reverse the question: "Do I need my trumps for anything?" If the answer is "no," then drawing trump is probably a reasonable course of action. If the answer is "yes," then you need to postpone drawing all the trumps until the short hand's trumps have done their job – whatever it might be.

So, what might you need those trump for? While there are several possibilities, there are two scenarios that seem to pop up often. The first scenario is obvious: you might need dummy's trump to, you know, trump something. The second scenario is sometimes a bit harder to spot. You might need dummy's trump as transportation to get to dummy so that you can do something in another suit (like cashing a winner or taking a finesse). Let's look at a few examples:

1 Contract: 4♣

Dummy
♠A Q J 10 7
♥J 10 8 5
♦10 5
♣J 6

You
♠K 8 6 5 4
♥A K Q 6
♦J 6
♣A 2

This looks like one of those beginner hands, doesn't it? You have all the big spades and hearts and the ♠A. You don't

need dummy's trump for trumping anything and you have plenty of transportation with five trumps in each hand. There is no need to save your trump-drawing until later. Draw all the opponents' spades by playing two or three rounds of spades (whatever is needed) so that they don't trump one of your heart winners as you now take those tricks next. After that, give up your two diamond losers. You'll take 10 tricks and make your contract if you pull the enemy trumps.

2 Contract: 2♥

Dummy
♠A 5 4 2
♥K 9 8
♦9 8 4 3 2
♣6

You
♠6 3
♥A Q J 3 2
♦7 5
♣A 8 5 2

You have (hopefully) seven tricks at the start (five trumps and two aces). If you start the hand by pulling all the opponent's trump, these seven tricks are all that you will get – down one. To make your contract, you need to find one more trick. With the singleton club in dummy, using dummy's trumps to ruff a club or two will allow you to make your contract. Note that ruffing a spade or diamond in your own hand does not increase your total trick count – we were already counting the five trumps in your hand as tricks. You need to ruff a trick using dummy's trumps: try to ruff from the shorter trump holding whenever possible. If you pull

trumps first, dummy will be out of trumps and cannot ruff anything.

3 Contract: 2♠

Dummy
♠A J
♥J 5 4 3
♦9 8 7 5
♣J 10 6

You
♠K Q 8 6 5 4
♥Q 2
♦A J 10
♣9 8

The opening lead is the ♣A. How do you like your chances of taking eight tricks? You can afford to lose five tricks. You have all the big spades, so you should be OK there. You are missing the A-K of hearts and the A-K of clubs but can trump the third round of both of those suits, so you'll lose two tricks in each of those suits. That means you can only afford one diamond loser; but you are missing both the K-Q of diamonds. If you bang down the ♦A, you are overwhelmingly likely to lose two tricks in diamonds ... that's one more than you can afford.

Do you see the solution? That ♦J 10 underneath your ace is a nice combination of strength. If you can manage to take two diamond finesses (playing a diamond from dummy to the jack the first time and a diamond from dummy to the 10 the second time), you are likely to lose only one diamond, unless your LHO has both the K-Q, in which case nothing works. In every other case, though, taking two finesses will let you make your contract. Unless your opponents are generous and lead hearts



Eugene Sectional

June 3-5, 2022

Bushnell University Gymnasium,
Morse Event Center

828 East 11th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon

SANCTION # 2206350
Hosted by: District 20, Unit 479 ACBL

Friday, June 3 (Duplicate boards)

10 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
3 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
Stratified 199er (if warranted)

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Saturday, June 4 (Duplicate boards)

10 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
3 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
Stratified 199er (if warranted)

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Sunday, June 5

9:30 a.m. Swiss Team scoring mini-lesson (optional)
10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
Second session TBA

Teams stratified by average
A = 1500+ B = 500 - 1500 C = 0 - 500

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Tuesday, June 7

1:45 p.m. Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs

7:30 p.m. Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

Wednesday, June 8

1:45 p.m. Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs

7:30 p.m. Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

Thursday, June 9

1:45 p.m. Swiss Teams S1
Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs S1

7:30 p.m. Swiss Teams S1
Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

Friday, June 10

1:45 p.m. Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs

7:30 p.m. Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

Saturday, June 11

1:45 p.m. Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs

7:30 p.m. Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

Sunday, June 12

11:30 a.m. Swiss Teams S1
Novice Pairs

12:30 p.m. Lunch

3 p.m. Swiss Teams S2
Novice Pairs

Dinner
Sunday
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Happy hour
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Now that you've made your plan, it's time to execute it. The defense starts with three high clubs; you are able to ruff the third round. You now play a small spade to the ace (all follow suit) and lead a small diamond to your jack. LHO wins with the ♦K and returns the ♥10. RHO wins with the king and plays a spade, your jack wins. Time to take that second finesse. You lead a small diamond to the 10 – and it holds! Yay! Now is the time to play your ♠K Q and draw the last two trump. Once you do that, the contract is made – for a top board!

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STRATIFICATIONS

300 Pairs:

300/200/50

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1000/750/200

Open Pairs:

Unlimited/3000/1500

Sunday Swiss

A/X:

Unlimited/4000/2500

B/C/D:

2000/750/300

Sunday Single

Session Pairs:

Unlimited/1000/300

Friday, June 24, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m.

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

Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

- Two session stratified Swiss teams (A/X and B/C/D)**
- Single session stratified pairs, 10:30 a.m. (if sufficient attendance)
- **All events with an upper master point limit requires all partnership/team members to be under the limit

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Vancouver USA Summer Sectional

Location: TBA

Aug. 12-14, 2022

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

Friday, Aug. 12

- Open Pairs (stratified)..... 10 a.m.
- Garland Wilson NLM Pairs (0-500, stratified)..... 10 a.m.
- Novice Pairs (0-100 stratified, # of tables permitting)..... 10 a.m.
- Paul Gabalis Stratified Open Pairs..... 3 p.m.
- NLM Pairs (0-500 stratified)..... 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13

- Bob Turkisher Strati-flighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD) 10 a.m.
- Novice Pairs (0-100 stratified, # of tables permitting)..... 10 a.m.
- Strati-flighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD) 3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14

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

*Field stratified by director based on entries

Open strats	NLM strats	Stratflighted events
A=2000+	A=300-500	A=5000+
B=1000-2000	B=100-300	X=3000-5000
C=0-1000	C=0-100	Y=0-3000
		B=750-1500
		C=300-750
		D=0-300

All pair strats determined by average MP of pair, but AXY, BCD, & NLM limits apply
A team or pair with any player over 1500 MPs plays in Flight AXY

Fees:

- \$10 for members, \$14 for lapsed ACBL members.
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RENO SPRING NABC

Muddling and middling through the 0-2500 Pairs

By **Chip Dombrowski**
The Trumpet

It used to be when I went to the NABCs, I either couldn't play at all or at most a one-session event one day. Things are different now, and it's usually possible to play one two-day event. I took advantage of that opportunity in Reno to play in the 0-2500 Pairs, a new limited NABC event that debuted in Reno.

Pretty much all of my partners for years have had more than 3000 points, and while I've played less and managed to stay comfortably under half that, I don't have anyone to play limited national events with, mainly because I don't know many players like me who have about the same number of points but are used to playing quite a bit up.

For the 0-2500 Pairs, I played with **Roger Smith**, the new chair of the ACBL Goodwill Committee. I figured Roger would be a good partner - as the goodwill chair, he probably wouldn't be visibly upset with me if I did something crazy. Despite playing bridge longer than I've been alive, Roger was just a hair under the limit for this event, but close enough to crossing 2500 that he won't be able to play in the events at that level in Providence.

On the first day, we were slightly above average both sessions, enough to qualify comfortably in the middle of the second-day field. We missed an opportunity to improve our position on the last board of the qualifying round.

I think it's easy enough to get to 7NT on these cards if you take the auction slow enough. The opponents are broke and silent.

Dlr: East
Vul: E-W

♠K Q 6 3	♥Q 7	♦A	♣A K Q J 9 5
West			
2♣	3♥	4♦	5♠
7NT			
♠A 10	♥A K J 9 6 2	♦K J 7	♣7 6
East			
1♥	2♥	3♠	4NT
5NT			
Pass			

East opens 1♥ and West starts a game force. East shows extra length and West shows a fit and a hand too strong to jump to game immediately. East shows a spade control. A strong hand that game-forced in clubs probably has a club control, so West shows the control he thinks partner is dying to hear about in diamonds. But whether West's third bid is 4♣ or 4♦, East can ask for keycards. When West shows two plus the ♥Q, East makes a grand slam try and asks for kings. West realizes this means East must know they have all the keycards plus running hearts. With a solid suit and oodles of extra tricks, West simply bids 7NT.

Unfortunately, that's not what we did. Over my 2♥ bid, Roger jumped to 6♥. I was planning on making a slam try no matter what he did next, so I knew we

must have tons of extra values. I might infer he has running clubs, but I don't know if his diamond control is the ace or a singleton or void, which would be much less useful in notrump. So I could do nothing but bid 7♥, which has the same 17 winners as 7NT. But it's a 41% board, compared to 78%. At least we beat all the



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

pairs who stopped in six. We talked about this auction the next day. Although Roger plays 2/1, a lot of the people he's used to playing with at his club in Modesto don't. He said he hasn't had the opportunity to get comfortable with making a forcing 3♥ bid in this auction because too many of his partners would pass it.

Midway through the third session we

played **Jackie Zayac**, who was the tournament chair, with **Richard Papst**. She and Roger are both former members of the ACBL board who represented District 21. Jackie got to 4♠ with the West cards here.



Jackie Zayac

Dlr: East
Vul: None

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

West <i>Jackie</i>	North <i>Chip</i>	East <i>Richard</i>	South <i>Roger</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

I led a trump and Jackie won in hand. She immediately played a heart to the king. Roger won the ace and returned a trump, won in dummy. She cashed the ♥Q and ran the ♠10 to my ♣Q. I took the last trump off the board to prevent a heart ruff and after winning in hand, Jackie cashed the last trump and proceeded to run her clubs, squeezing me in the red suits. On the last club I had to decide whether to throw the ♦A or the ♥10.

I decided that if she had a singleton diamond, she would have led it toward the king a long time ago. Her early play in hearts suggested she had a third one she was hoping to ruff. I threw the ♦A and won the last trick with my ♥10.

I was very proud of my defense on this hand, thinking holding it to four would be great when the hand record said it was cold for five. But when I looked at the scores, it turned out we had a zero. When your opponents are the only pair to get to their best contract in a 4-3 fit instead of going down in 3NT or stopping short of game in clubs, it doesn't matter how well you defend.

Roger and I pulled off a similar feat in the fourth session. We were the only ones playing 4♥ in our 4-3 fit, while most stopped in 2♠, 3♠ or 2NT. Although we have a 4-4 spade fit, the hand record says

it makes 10 tricks in hearts and only nine in spades. Our victims were brothers **Charlie** and **Andrew Chen**, who made news in 2020 as the youngest Life Master at age 8.



Andrew and Charlie Chen

Dlr: East
Vul: E-W

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

West <i>Roger</i>	North <i>Andrew</i>	East <i>Chip</i>	South <i>Charlie</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I like to play that a suit rebid after opening a minor shows an unbalanced hand. With all balanced hands, you rebid 1NT, regardless of whether you have four spades. After opening 1♣, a 1♠ rebid shows at least five clubs; you can't have only four because with a 4-4-4-1 hand you'd either be raising hearts or opening 1♦. Even without that agreement, many people play that a suit rebid is at least 4-4 in the two suits, so all 4-3-3-3 hands would bid 1NT.

With flat shape and minimum values, I would have passed 2NT as others did. But Roger decided to raise hearts, perhaps wanting me to declare. I liked my hearts for the 4-3 fit and was maximum for a passed hand, so I went to game.

I don't remember how the play went, but they got their three aces and no more, giving us a top.

We were having a good last session. But with our slightly under 49% in the afternoon and anemic carryover, we were still near the middle of the field. With one round to go, we were not in position to make the overalls. I decided it was time to create some action.

We sat down for the last round against **Brenda Biermann** of Roseburg, who was D20's top rookie in 2017, and her sister-in-law, **Karen Jachetta**.



Brenda Biermann

Dlr: West
Vul: E-W

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

West <i>Roger</i>	North <i>Karen</i>	East <i>Chip</i>	South <i>Brenda</i>
1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♦	3♣	Dbl	All Pass

I can certainly make a normal 2♥ bid, which probably gets us to a normal 3NT. But this is the last round and our last chance to make the overalls, and normal isn't going to cut it. Even with the opponents at favorable vulnerability, I think our best chance of getting a big score here is penalizing clubs. So I pass, hoping partner will reopen with a double. When partner instead bids 2♦, it looks like I'm going to be playing that normal 3NT. But I get my wish after all when North rebids clubs.

We beat it down four for 800, beating everyone in 3NT or 3♦. Not a top as we had some company, but 78%.

Next board, I pick up this:

♠K 6 ♥A K 9 5 3 2 ♦K 8 ♣A 7 2.

Some people think 17 HCP with a five-card suit is too strong to open 1NT. I don't agree, but surely the six-card suit makes it too strong. Nevertheless, still in operating mode, I decide to suppress my suit and open 1NT. Partner transfers me to spades and then bids 3NT, which I pass.

I'm delighted to see the ♥Q led and the dummy seen in West:

Dlr: North	♠Q 10	♥7 6 4	♦6 5 2	♣Q J 8 6 5
Vul: None	♠A 8 5 4 3	♥8	♦A Q 9 7 4	♣10 4
	♠K 6	♥A K 9 5 3 2	♦K 8	♣A 7 2
	♠J 9 7 2	♥Q J 10	♦J 10 3	♣K 9 3

I'm expecting hearts to be 4-2, meaning I'll have two losers in the suit. If I win and force out the hearts, they'll find the club shift. I have only one stopper, so if I take it right away, when I force out the fourth heart, they'll be able to run their clubs. If I hold up twice in clubs, that works and I make three, but my goal is not to survive this board but win it. I think the best chance of that is to duck and hope for a heart continuation. That certainly looks appealing with the singleton in dummy.

Brenda continued with the ♥J. I won and pleasantly found the 3-3 split in not just hearts but also diamonds, coming to 12 tricks for a cold top. If I open 1♥, we get to either 3NT from partner's side - and a club lead - or 4♥.

Then comes the last board. Brenda and Karen are one of just three pairs to get to a great 28-point slam, canceling out our near top on the first board against them.

Roger and I finished 1.28 matchpoints behind the last (ninth-place) overall. But Brenda and Karen, who also had a strong last session, finished in fourth. Another D20 pair, **Joe** and **Shirley Titone** of Vancouver WA, finished eighth after leading the event on the first day. It was nice to see other D20 players do well in the event.



Joe and Shirley Titone

And it was great to be able to play in a national event again, which before Austin I haven't done since 2016.



Treasure Valley Regional

in beautiful **Idaho**

August 1-7, 2022

SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 1

- 7 pm..... Snake River Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Tuesday)
- 7 pm..... Open Charity Pairs
(Boise Side Game Series 1 of 5)
- 7 pm..... ♦ 299er Charity Pairs

Tuesday, Aug. 2

- 10 am..... Boise Side Game Series (2 of 5)
- 10 & 3..... Open Pairs
- 10 & 3..... ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 10 & 3..... Snake River Bracketed KOs (continued)
- 3 pm..... Boise Side Game Series (3 of 5)

Wednesday, Aug. 3

- 10 am..... Boise Side Game Series (4 of 5)
- 10 am..... ♦ 299er Pairs
- 10 & 3..... Hells Canyon Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Thursday)
- 10 & 3..... Open Pairs
- 10 & 3..... ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 3 pm..... Caldwell Swiss Teams
- 3 pm..... Boise Side Game Series (5 of 5)

Thursday, Aug. 4

- 10 am..... Nampa Side Game Series (1 of 6)
- 10 am..... ♦ 299er Pairs
- 10 & 3..... Open Pairs
- 10 & 3..... Bracketed Swiss Teams
- 10 & 3..... Hells Canyon Bracketed KOs (continued)
- 3 pm..... Nampa Side Game Series (2 of 6)

Friday, Aug. 5

- 10 am..... Nampa Side Game Series (3 of 6)
- 10 & 3..... Lewis & Clark Bracketed KOs
(winners continue Saturday)
- 10 & 3..... Open Pairs
- 10 & 3..... ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 3 pm..... Ontario Swiss Teams
- 3 pm..... Nampa Side Game Series (4 of 6)

Saturday, Aug. 6

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

Sunday, Aug. 7

- 9:15 & TBA..... Bracketed Swiss Teams
- 9:15 & TBA..... Getaway Fast Pairs

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STRATIFICATIONS

- Open events: Unlimited/2500/750
- Open Pairs (with Gold Rush): Open/3000/1500
- ♦ Gold Rush Pairs (under 750): 750/300/200
- ♦ 299er Pairs (under 300): 300/200/50
- Bracketed Teams: Small groups by masterpoint average; gold points in each bracket. (20 VP)
- ♦ Indicates I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) events

SCHEDULE NOTES

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

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.

TABLE FEES

ACBL members \$15; unpaid \$19; under age 26 \$5

The Longest Day: Organizers work to raise funds for Alzheimer's care, research

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Nevada County, Calif.

Our first region raised the most money for the Alzheimer's Association in District 20 for the past two years. **Deanna Heyser** and **Jamie Newman** are taking the lead on The Longest Day events this year and are both happy to contribute to this cause. Both were honored for their efforts with appointments to the ACBL Charity Committee this year.

Heyser says she first became aware of The Longest Day shortly after she started playing duplicate bridge in 2014, saying that year she was a donor and played in several games to support the event.



Deanna Heyser

Fast forward to 2106 and Heyser is now a unit board member handling membership and social events. "I got to know our members well and felt the loss and pain that several members experienced fighting this disease," she explains. "I began educating myself and realized what a powerful resource the ALZ navigator was for caregivers and patients. I respected and valued the way ACBL supported this organization. Each successive year I've wanted to do more and I've put together a like-minded team to achieve this goal."

This year will be the eighth for Newman in chairing the Longest Day event, taking it on after years of running her club's sectional. Newman says her involvement is simply her contribution to Unit 461 and gives all the credit to Heyser. "My co-chair, superwoman Deanna Heyser, brought our fundraising to new levels," Newman boasts. "I continue to do what I do (emails, bugging our members and friends to donate and to support



Jamie Newman

our games, bookkeeping, administration, helping Deanna out), but Deanna is amazing, and she brings people together to make things happen."

Prior to covid, Newman says they ran four bridge sessions and supplied lots of food for players. "Our players supported us, but we didn't raise more than \$1,000 before Deanna got involved," she notes.

So what does Unit 461 have in store for this year's Longest Day event? According to Heyser, they'll be running a "Longest Week" rather than host all events in one day. "We will have a unit game online, three face-to-face games, the last of which will be followed by a wine and appetizer party in the Lake Wildwood Community Center for all of our players and their spouses/significant others," Heyser explains. "We also plan an outreach in the LWV community with a key morning during the week where several of our players will host a 'Drive Through Donations' for our pickleball players, tennis players and community residents. (If we collect over \$500 that day, an anonymous donor will match up to \$500.)," she adds, noting this is the third year for this type of activity.

Heyser says they are expanding outside of the Lake Wildwood community this year and plan to set up a booth outside of the local market, which will be manned by local club volunteers. "All activities planned will be well publicized in emails, local newspaper articles and word of mouth from our team," Heyser says. And Newman adds that they will solicit donations via articles in the local paper.

So what is it that compels these women to go above and beyond for a cause like the Longest Day? For Heyser, it's personal. "I have a lifelong friend who lost her husband over an eight-year period," she explains. "Much of that time she felt alone and lacked knowledge and resources. The ALZ navigator and the 24-hour hotline makes that unnecessary. Knowledge is power."

And her involvement with The Longest Day gives Heyser a way to continue giving back and building her knowledge on the

subject. "Each year I learn a bit more and feel tremendous empathy for our aging community as we are dealing with this difficult disease," she says. "I have also heard some very uplifting stories from individuals who have sought out the resources the Alzheimer's Association provides. Most importantly, I'm not doing this alone. It takes a village, and I love my village!" Her village loves her back.

While Newman says she thankfully has no family members or friends with Alzheimer's, she tells us she'll always do what she does for the cause, but Heyser is the one who deserves the credit, "for her energy, her smile, and willingness to do what she does."

Boise

Karen Boss of Boise, Idaho, has been contributing to the Longest Day event at her club for about five years now, serving as team captain last year. Boss says she first got involved because a friend of hers was heading up the events and saw how fun it could be to plan the day. "We make it fun and different from our usual games," she says.

And while it is a lot of fun to plan, Boss says a lot goes into the planning process as a captain. "We had to find a venue because our local club does not have a permanent space, we arrange the director, get sanctioned, collect donations for a silent auction, advertise and promote the event, plan fun activities, lunch, snacks and prizes for the event, we tally and collect funds then deliver them to the local Alzheimer's representative," she explains.

This year will be the first face-to-face event in three years, so they want to make it special. In terms of what they've got on tap, Boss says they'll have games, lunch (which was donated, and they'll collect



Karen Boss

player donations as well), a raffle and hopefully a silent auction. "We will sell 'phone a friend' tickets that can be used during the game for bidding or play advice from the director. We will play bridge bingo concurrent with the games, and we will have a deuce ball that is tossed to any player taking a trick with a 2 of any suit." Boss adds that the venue will be decorated and festive for the event and one of the club's top players will give a short talk at lunch.

And while Boss doesn't have a personal connection to the disease, she says she knows some who have had relatives diagnosed and others who are related to someone struggling with some kind of dementia. So it's no surprise that she so generously donates her time to such a deserving cause.

Portland and Virginia

Though **Meg Craig** lives in Portland, most of her involvement with The Longest Day goes toward a club on the opposite side of the country in Charlottesville, Va., where her mother is the club manager. She says this is a cause close to her heart.

"My maternal grandmother suffered with Alzheimer's for the last 11 years of her life," she says. "It's devastating for the patient and their loved ones, and I want to help in any way I can to make sure that prospects continue to improve for those facing this horrible diagnosis."

In addition to her grandmother, Craig says her best friend's dad also passed of Alzheimer's in 2017. "He was like my second dad and was my mom's bridge partner when we were kids," she explains. "Being involved in the bridge community as long as I have been (my entire life, pretty much), I've seen the disease take many of the



Meg Craig

Cheryl Haines: Embodies 'if you want something done, ask a busy person'

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While she signed on as marketing director in 2013, so as to make use of her professional skills, Cheryl has started and maintained many SiVY programs. She has taught in schools, organized summer camp, ordered our T-shirts, ensured that our volunteers are recognized each year, published a newsletter three times a year, raised funds and helped at pizza parties. In my mind, Cheryl is the glue that keeps SiVY together.

"Cheryl is the embodiment of the phrase 'if you want something done, ask a busy person.'"

District 20's good fortune is that this incredibly busy person, who served as intermediate/newcomer chair for the 2019 San Francisco NABC, left Silicon Valley last year to make her vacation home in Kauai permanent. As a resident of Hawaii, part of District 20, she needed a new outlet for her volunteer energy. She is the district's new I/N coordinator.

Despite being an ocean away, Haines is already making an impact. Her first months on the job have been busy, planning I/N programs for the recent Seaside I/N Regional and Bend Regional, arranging for speakers to give lessons, coordinating with local volunteers in the host units, ordering an array of new signs and marketing materials and more. (She's certainly kept the district's graphic designer busy.)

If you meet her, Haines will probably find a way to put you to work — and that will be good for bridge, so let's all meet her.

Haines, 61, started her marketing career

in the 1980s working for Pacific Bell, the phone company. She took the job because it paid more than other opportunities.

"I sold boring things that people didn't care about," Haines said. "When you choose a marketing career in an area no one cares about, you make a lot more money than if you do sports marketing or Chanel perfume."

But the job was boring, and she needed something else to engage her mind, so she began learning and playing party bridge with her then-husband and his college roommate. They played on Sundays from early afternoon until 10 p.m., giving her plenty of exposure to party bridge style and habits that she had to unlearn when she began learning duplicate in the early '90s.

"My ex-husband taught me bridge, but once I got better than him, I kicked him to the curb," she said. "So then I'm a young 30s divorced woman who plays bridge. It became my social life, my support system."

She made Life Master in 1994 without ever playing in I/N games because all of her partners were more experienced players, such as tournament director Nancy Boyd and several men she became involved with. At the 1997 Spring NABC in Dallas, Haines was playing on a team with three ex-boyfriends when an unsavory character asked her how he could get on the team.

"That's when I decided I'm not dating any more bridge players," she said.

She went on Match.com, where she met David Platshon, who became her husband. Soon after she left PacBell, going to work



Haines teaches at SiVY's 2019 summer camp.

for a tech company in Silicon Valley. The work was much more demanding — she worked 10-hour days six days a week — and she didn't have time for bridge for almost a decade, until she "semi-retired" (and bought the Kauai vacation home) in 2007. She got more involved in her club and unit and became a club director in 2009.

For a while Platshon would tag along with Haines to bridge tournaments, thinking he could at least enjoy dinner with her and her friends. But then he found out what happens at dinner during a bridge tournament. Everyone would pull out their hand records and someone would say, "OK what about board 1?" So he stopped going.

Haines was taking an advanced class

with Debbie Rosenberg in 2013 when Rosenberg asked the class if anyone wanted to help with a newly forming youth bridge organization.

"I said I'd help," Haines explains. "I wrote the website, created the database, did email marketing, did the newsletter. Eventually I had to teach. Then I had to help with the pizza parties. Then I had to organize the pizza

parties. I did everything. That was very eye opening for what it takes to get someone into bridge."

She even came up with the name Silicon Valley Youth Bridge, brainstorming with a graphic designer friend who made the group's logo.

As if all that wasn't enough, Haines began teaching and directing bridge cruises, dragging Platshon along as her assistant. He would pass out handouts and help remember names, but he still didn't know any bridge.

But in 2015 a cruise-goer shamed him into it, and he reluctantly decided to start paying attention to the lessons Haines was teaching. That same year she fully retired

folks I've known over the years. It robs people of their dignity, their memories, and eventually their whole identity."

As you might expect, Craig says she's been involved with the Longest Day in one way or another since the ACBL first began partnering with the Alzheimer's Association in 2013. Last year, she worked with the Jefferson Bridge Association (her mom's club), to write a trivia game she hosted over Zoom to raise money for the Longest Day. "It had some Alzheimer's facts as well as a few bridge questions, but mostly it was general knowledge trivia," she explains. "I think we charged \$5 or \$10 to enter the game and offered prizes for winners as well as raffle prizes. Lots of club members donated items for raffle, and we had prizes at various levels, up to some really spectacular prizes at the \$500+ level."

Craig says she will surely be involved with her club's Longest Day events this year, but the specifics are yet to be determined. And beyond the obvious reasons, Craig says she goes out of her way to get involved in events like the Longest Day because she thinks her skills are a good match. "I have enough tech savvy and hosting experience to run a good event, so I'm happy to be useful to the cause!"

And while this disease has taken some of those closest to her, Craig focuses her thoughts on the positive. "I'm optimistic that advances in research and medicine will improve the quality of life for Alzheimer's patients and their families, and I'm also grateful for the support provided by the Alzheimer's Association while we continue to search for a cure."

Longview and Vancouver, Wash.

Finally, we have someone who is involved with two teams raising money for the Alzheimer's Association. **Rich Carle** represents the Kelso Senior Center and the Vancouver Bridge Club, serving as the captain for the Kelso team. Carle says his clubs have been involved since the ACBL became an inaugural partner with the

Alzheimer's Association for The Longest Day 10 years ago.

"I initiated the Longest Day participation for both clubs. Because of my deep involvement with the Longview Bridge Club that plays at the Kelso Senior Center, others took over in Vancouver," he explains. Carle says, at first, his involvement was more to provide extra masterpoints for players at his club, but his passion for the cause has grown over the years. "I have seen the dedication and effort of caregivers in response to the demands of the task," Carle says.

"It is a 24/7 effort and truly exhausting! And it is fitting that The Longest Day is about honoring them for their service."

In the past, Carle says his clubs have done a lot to support the cause. "We had a silent auction, dance demonstration, trivia game, karaoke, as well as bridge play for folks to help observe The Longest Day," he explains. For the last two years, the clubs have just done online bridge play to support the cause, due to covid, so they're excited to be back with in person events this year.

When it comes to knowing people who have been impacted by Alzheimer's, Carle says there have been several bridge friends and relatives who have been touched by it – either as victims or in the caregiver role.

Alan Johnson of Happy Valley, Ore., is one such player. Johnson says he plays in all of the Longest Day events that are offered for many reasons. "First I'm an avid player and like to participate in special events," he says. "Next my wife has Alzheimer's so I feel a connection and responsibility."



Rich Carle



Alan Johnson

said. "There are things that are being changed. We've had this break. This is an opportunity to do things a little differently as we restart. A perfect example: I'm doing this job from Hawaii. That would have been unthinkable. We're learning to be a cross-Pacific, cross-state boundary organization."

Crossing boundaries will be particularly important to Haines as I/N coordinator. Email is great, but there's only so much she can do to reach I/N players from Hawaii. As I/N chair of the San Francisco NABC, one of the keys to the successful program there – which fielded 0–20 and 99er games in addition to 299er games each day – was that she was able to recruit her players from Half Moon Bay.

"No one is going to go their first regional unless someone personally says, 'You should go to this, it's going to be fun,'" Haines said. "The key is, can I connect with the local teachers. Because that's the only way it's going to work. If anybody is teaching bridge, or hosting in their home, I want to hear from those people. I want to work with them."

"I feel strongly that teachers and club owners are the ambassadors to I/N players. I still remember the Club Series teacher at my local club urging me to attend the San Francisco nationals 30 years ago. The I/N program for D20 will be successful only if our teachers and club owners partner to make it so."



Cheryl Haines

and they moved to Half Moon Bay, Calif. Haines began teaching at the club there, and Platshon found a partner.

"When you're in the beginner bridge lessons on a cruise ship or anywhere and you've been playing 30 years, no matter how skilled a communicator you are, you're going to say something that sounds like a foreign language," Haines said. "You can't help it. In theory I know how to choose my words correctly. When he would raise his hand with a certain look on his face, I would know, 'you just spoke over their heads.' It was invaluable to me."

It was Platshon who sparked her interest in improving programs for I/N players. Suddenly she was living with one, and she saw first-hand how the system was failing them. In 2017 the Santa Clara Regional advertised a 0–5 game but they weren't able to field it.

At the recent Spring NABC in Reno, Platshon wanted to play in one-session 299er games, but couldn't because his partner had 301 points. Two sessions of gold rush sounded like too much, so he thought he was stuck in the open side game. It wasn't until after a miserable day of that that he found out the gold rush would accommodate single-session players.

Coming out of a pandemic, Haines sees fresh opportunities to reevaluate how things are done.

"There are things that stopped that won't restart that needed to stop," she

Reno: Players catch covid at NABC

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and C in the International Fund Pairs.

The Grass Valley CA-area team of **Cary Wirth, Kurt Browning, Jeff and Deanna Heyser** won the fourth bracket of the round robin teams on Friday. **Lynda Hirst** and **Tim Rilling** won the second bracket of the round robin teams on Wednesday, and Hirst won the Saturday morning side game. Marnell and Peterson also won bracket 7 of the round robin teams on

Thursday with **Sheri Markwardt, Anna Sung** and **Jean Choi** of Honolulu won the Friday afternoon side game.

D20 players left Reno with more than just masterpoints. About a dozen Portland-area players contracted covid-19. The ACBL dropped its mask requirement a week before the tournament, which proved to be its first super-spreader event. Protocols will be once again re-evaluated for the Summer NABC in Providence.

Rowe: Software detects cheating

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where a bridge community is developed. ACBL is supported by a vast pool of volunteers and those volunteers are created in our local clubs, not online. Online is here to stay; however, support for local clubs, units and districts is the most important goal.

Speaking of online bridge, one concern has been cheating, specifically sharing information with your partner during bidding or play of hand. To this end, a program is being developed that will en-

able the ACBL to more easily spot and catch cheaters. I will be excited to see its use in place. I sit on the Appeals and Charges Committee, and it is so sad to me that people have cheated in order to gain a few masterpoints.

The board continues to work on tasks to streamline board policies as it reduces from 25 to 13. For a more complete report from board meeting please visit the District 20 website.

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Marsh: VP to take more active role

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for the I/N folks. It was very well attended. David did his usual outstanding job. I can attest to that, as I was able to attend. Thanks, David.

New volunteers

Speaking of Cheryl Haines, that is certainly another piece of good – actually, great – news that we can share. Cheryl has recently moved into the district and was immediately willing to take on the position. The fact that Cheryl resides in Hawaii is another piece of great news. The expense of airfare will allow Cheryl to attend in-person just two regionals, Vancouver and Seaside. What this means is that we are going to have to rely on local folks to assist Cheryl.

We need to be getting more local folks involved and this will force us all to make that happen. Cheryl has already made a great contact in Bend by getting **Pam Hughes** to serve as the local contact. Thanks, Pam. In addition, Cheryl lined up **Jeff Roman** to do a series of lessons for all players at the Bend regional. The work that Cheryl is doing goes beyond these examples but it does give you a flavor of what we can expect from her in the days ahead. Welcome, Cheryl. We are so appreciative of your willingness to step up here.

In the short amount of time that I have been in this position, it has been my great good fortune to meet lots of new people and it is clear to me that we have very competent and committed players throughout the district. We have great folks serving as area representatives in all of our eight regions. Of course, we are fortunate to have **Laurie Rowe** as D20's representative to the ACBL board. (Yes, Laurie is the person responsible for me being in this position. That's a story for the next column.)

I am especially grateful to **July Ratley**, our vice president. I have asked July to serve a more active role than this position has typically had in the past and she has enthusiastically stepped up per my request. **Roger Thomas** has graciously agreed to serve as chair of

the Finance Committee and I am most grateful for that.

Perks and compensation under review

I have asked Roger to chair a committee to review "perks and compensations," and he, along with committee members **July Ratley, Dennis Harms, Jim Wheeler, Kathi Marcus, Amy Casanova** and **Raj Garg**, have been doing some outstanding work. I am committed to this being a "good news" column, but it probably will come as not a huge surprise that the district's financial situation bears some looking at. That is a topic for the next column.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the work that **Rich Carle** and **Marie Ashton** do for the district. The institutional knowledge these two possess is staggering. They have made my transitioning into this position way easier than it might have been.

As I stated above, I sense there is a desire to get back to face-to-face tournament play. To the extent this is true, that will truly be great news. All of us in Eugene-Springfield are hoping that is the case for our sectional, June 3–5. We have an incredible playing site – well-lit and spacious – with lots of parking and a great DIC in **McKenzie Myers**. Please spread the word and plan on attending.

There are also sectionals coming up in Portland June 24–26 and Honolulu July 8–10.

Get involved

For those who have taken the time to read this far, I have a request. We need to get more folks involved. I feel we especially need to get more folks involved outside the Portland metro area. A challenge that we all face is the fact that D20 encompasses such a large geographical area.

I would love to hear from you any input or thoughts you might have on how we could be doing things better. Or what things do you think the district should be looking at or doing that is currently not happening. Though I may not have the response you are looking for, I promise I will respond. You may reach me at 541-228-4140 (text is great), or donmarsh45@comcast.net.

Thanks for taking the time to read. Remember *THE* best thing that you can for your bridge game: Be nice to your partner. Ciao.

District president Don Marsh can be reached at donmarsh45@comcast.net.



Pam Hughes



Roger Thomas

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MONDAY, September 26

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

TUESDAY, September 27

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

WEDNESDAY, September 28

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

THURSDAY, September 29

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

THURSDAY, Sept. 29 (continued)

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

FRIDAY, September 30

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

SATURDAY, October 1

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

SUNDAY, October 2

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

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



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STRATIFICATIONS

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

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

DISTRICT 20 WEBSITE
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SCHEDULE NOTES

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

♦ Indicates I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) events

♦ Indicates I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer) events

TABLE FEES

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

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

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- **Cab service:** Alpha Taxi & Shuttle (Seaside), 503-440-7777

RENO SPRING NABC

Meeting Meckstroth in the Silodor

By Roger Thomas
For the Trumpet

My bridge partner, **Jim Weider** and I recently had the opportunity to participate in the North American Pairs Flight B national final held in Reno. While our partnership was established in the middle of 2021, you might say that Reno was our “second date,” as we had the opportunity to finally meet face-to-face at the Oregon Trail Regional just 18 days earlier.

While bridge is certainly the foundation for attending an NABC, I always enjoy the anticipation of possibly getting to socialize and even perhaps establish friendships with people from around the nation and the world.

At this NABC, a few of us were dining at the local Japanese steakhouse and as we gathered around those large and insanely hot grills, who should join us but **Jeff Meckstroth** and his wife, **Sally**. Not the bashful type, I felt comfortable at least acknowledging them as bridge royalty. Later in the evening, after discussing the fact that Jim and I would be playing in the Silodor Open Pairs the next day, I asked him that, should we find ourselves competing against him and his partner **David Berkowitz**, to please take it easy on us. His deadpan response ... “Yeah, right.” Sure enough, we did cross paths with them.

Dlr: South ♠K 7 6 5 3
 Vul: N-S ♥K 3
 ♦K 4
 ♣A K 6 3

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

♠A Q J 2
 ♥10 7
 ♦7 6 2
 ♣10 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
Jim	Meckstroth	Roger	Berkowitz
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	4♥	All Pass



Jim Weider and Roger Thomas
 Among District 20's NAP representatives in Flight B, they also played in the Silodor Open Pairs and the 0-2500 Swiss Teams.

Some might not like the anemic second-seat 2♥ bid, but it was at favorable vulnerability. Against top players, Jim's philosophy is to bid aggressively as he feels we'll get better results with our declarer play against opponents' defense rather than vice versa.

Best defense would set the contract by two tricks, but that requires North-South taking four black tricks ending in the South hand, who can exit with a diamond to keep declarer in the dummy with no way to hand for a heart finesse. (North can overruff the third diamond and score their ♥K.) In this case, based on the auction Meckstroth did not play his partner for four good spades and led a third spade at trick five to try and force dummy to ruff.

Given that the par score is plus 140 for North-South, escaping for minus 50 seemed like a good result. However, 25% of the field was in 4♠ going down; we received a 36% result for our efforts. Meckstroth was confused that his partner had not taken the push to 4♠ with his hand. It just shows you that even for the best players, the best action is not always apparent. On the companion board, we defended to the par score and received a 12% result! Hopefully, over time, our results will reflect a reversion towards the mean.

For a change of pace, we teamed up with **Deanne Takasumi** and **Sheryl Williams** to play in the inaugural national 0-2500 Swiss Team event which paid



Kevin Marnell and Bruce Peterson of Portland placed second in the 0-2500 Swiss Teams with Danning Lu and Andrew Mitchell.

51.70 gold masterpoints to the winning team. While we made it to day two of the event, we found ourselves short on gold at the end of the day. However, a big shoutout to **Kevin Marnell** and **Bruce Peterson** for their second-place finish!

Disappointingly, we did not qualify for day two of the NAP, so on the last day of the NABC we used the partnership desk to team up with a recently retired couple from Florida who also did not make it to day two of the NAP. Unfortunately, halfway through our first match of the morning, the director approached us to let us know that one of our teammates had been taken to the hospital; our NABC was over (later our teammates informed us that they were back in Florida and resting comfortably after a heart attack!).

While Jim got an early start to join his family in Southern California for a family vacation, I found myself looking over the shoulder of a fellow sitting at one of the casino's three-card poker tables. As I watched, he began enjoying a particularly lucrative winning streak and he ultimately offered up his name (Michael) and thanked me for being his lucky charm. It turns out that he is a world class bridge player originally from South America, but now a resident in the Atlanta area. We exchanged BBO names and are now “friends.”

In closing, I will leave you with this modified quote from bridge great Bob Hamman: “If you have a choice of reasonable bids, and one of them is thRENO trump, then bid it.” I wish I would have done this more on day one of the NAP.

North American Pairs Flight A



Dennis Metcalf and Eric Stoltz, 8th place



Ben Bomber and Amy Casanova, 12th place

Flight B



Tim Rilling and Don Herring, qualified



Sheryl Williams and Deanne Takasumi

Flight C



Anne Bogart and Carol Schaafsma, qualified



Care Parker and Joe Morgan, qualified



Phil Emerson and Jared Jenkins, qualified



Dennis Viner and Tad Kelly

In Memoriam

Don Lowry

May 25, 1946 – May 2, 2022

By Hal Montgomery

The Trumpet

I lost a great friend when Don Lowry died. He had many friends in our bridge community. It is a testament to his outlook on life, his love of people, his quirky humor and his generosity of spirit.

He grew up on a sharecropper's farm in southern Missouri. He was raised to hard work with a deep connection to the land. This upbringing forged his lifelong bond with the natural world. He loved to fish, hunt and hike. He loved to garden. I was fortunate to be able to fish and hike and garden with him. Many people in our bridge community shared in the bounty of his gardens. He brought thousands of pounds of tomatoes to the clubs for any and all to enjoy.

On one camping trip to the Steens, Don introduced me to outlaw country music. It was all we brought to listen to for 12 hours of driving through the mountains and deserts and emptiness of our big state. I have become a great fan of Waylon and Willie and the boys. I agree with him that “Sunday Morning Coming Down” is one of the great songs of our time.

Don was a fine bridge player and especially strong in his card play. You always had to be alert when he was declaring lest he swindle you in some unexpected way. He often attacked the opponents in the auction, hoping to be able to take advantage of some error. Sometimes his attacks missed and caught his partner, but more often than you might think he generated positive results. If I had gotten out of the way of one of his swings, we might have



Don Lowry

won a national pair event.

Don spent the last few years working for Meals on Wheels in Kansas. Five days a week he would set out in the company van, earning the Kansas minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, delivering life and connections to shut-ins on his route.

We talked many times about the beauty of the world he saw through his windshield and of the people and communities he served. He loved his family. He went fishing all over the country with his brother, nephews and cousins. He adored his son Scott and daughter-in-law Lindsay. He was fiercely devoted to his wife Sue and their grandbaby. He was generous with his time. He had many friends.

Don hated slow play. Don loved a good drink. I will share a toast with any of his other friends.

AROUND THE UNITS

Portland elects officers at special game, plans sectionals

The Portland unit held its annual board election in March with most positions being extended by one year. Newly elected to the board: **Linda Rountree**. Linda plays regularly in the Ace and PBC online games as well as at PBC, where she is enjoying much success partnering with, among others, her fellow board member **Paula Koeller**. Linda will join Paula and our board president **Kristin Steinmetz** in developing our education and marketing efforts to bring more and more people into the game. Rounding out the board: **Dee Poujade**, our world traveler and board secretary; **Jon Gassaway**, who leads the area of unit membership services; **Tara McMahon** who was voted co-tournament manager; and **Paul Walker** who will share tournament management efforts with Tara and will also take on the



Linda Rountree



role of unit treasurer.

The board would like to thank **Kathi Marcus**, our long-time treasurer who has decided to take a well-deserved break from keeping our books, and also to **Monte Garrett**, who left the board as he and his family moved to Salem to be close to grandchildren. We know we will see Monte and Kathi often at our tournaments – if you see them, express your appreciation for their years of service!

To celebrate the board election, we hosted a sanctioned unit championship game at the Portland Bridge Club. We were pleased to host 17 tables, 10 in the open game and seven tables of 0-1000 players. Paula and Kristin arranged for a

fine lunch of pizza, salads and desserts and the attendees did their part, chowing down all but a few slices of pizza! Special recognition to Linda and Tara for help with set-up and cleanup, with honorable mention to **Richard Rountree**, Linda's hubby who proved himself especially skilled on the cleanup crew. Many thanks!

As is our tradition, we encouraged people to play with a new partner, and many of our pairs were enjoying that "first time's a charm" experience (see results below). Thanks to all attendees for supporting the unit board on this fun day of bridge.

Summer Sectional

Next up for Unit 487: our Summer Sectional, scheduled for June 24-26. We will hold this Sectional at Lloyd Center, occupying PBC and additional space at the Portland Chess Center right across the mezzanine. As with our Winter Sectional, we will be utilizing the PBC calendar and reservation system to manage the table

count, and we will have room for 42-45 tables total for the Friday and Saturday sessions, and a maximum of 28 tables for Sunday. The sectional games will be available for reservations on the PBC calendar in a week or so. Let's fill it up! Preregister at bridgewebs.com/portland.

Looking farther forward: mark your calendars for our Fall Sectional, Sept. 9-11.

Whether you are playing in person at unit tournaments or at PBC, or in one of the many well-attended online games hosted by The Ace of Clubs or PBC, our unit board encourages you to play often, invite friends into this great game, and enjoy all that bridge has to offer.

Results

Election Game (Open) — 1: Roger McNay – Jamie Sparks, 2: Ethel Birnbach – Dan Hoekstra, 3: Bruce Backup – Connie Coquillette 4: Nely Johnson – Sheryl Williams.

Election Game (0-1000) — 1: Paula Koeller – Richard Rountree, 2-3: Linda Rountree – Clair Doherty, Sheri Markwardt – Laura Glaser, 4: Carol Arnold – David Janney.

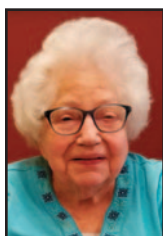
Youth bridge camp coming to Vancouver this summer

We are saddened by the passing of two long-time members of our club: **Charlotte Enberg** and **Duane Meador**.

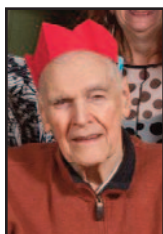
Charlotte, **Connie Sayler's** mother, had been confined to a nursing home for the last couple of years. Duane had moved to North Carolina last July to be close to his daughter Linda. Both were 96 years old – Meador by only a few days.

"We were actually surprised he made it to his birthday on April 9," Linda said. "I'm going to miss my dad very much. I was fortunate to have him all to myself for the last seven months and really become close to him again."

The successful April sectional was held at the clubhouse to near-capacity attendance. We are evaluating whether to hold



Charlotte Enberg



Duane Meador



the August sectional there as well or to find a suitable venue with more space. We believe the School for the Deaf may not be available for this year's event.

Congratulations to all of our players who have increased in rank and/or placed in the ACBL masterpoint races. That includes yours truly who became a Platinum Life Master (10,000 masterpoints) playing at the April sectional.

Margi Redden is coaching a Youth Bridge Camp in July as part of the ACBL Bridge Whiz program. Please see the flyer on page 13 and tell those you know with school-aged children who might



Margi Redden



Bill Strite's 1948 Chrysler DeSoto

be interested. Or, print a few flyers from the VBC website and distribute at your local library or drop off at a school. Find it at web2.acbld20.org/vbc/pics/YouthBridgeCamp.jpg.

The ACBL Educational Foundation held a BridgeWhiz tournament in March. Seven of the top 12 scorers in the event were students coached by Redden.

The Longest Day fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association takes place in June. We are not planning a silent auction

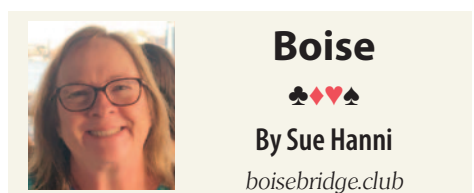
this year but are encouraging folks to play in the benefit bridge games and/or to make a direct donation. Online play is on June 18-19. Longview will have F2F play on Monday, June 20, and Vancouver will play on Wednesday, June 22.

Bill Strite drove his new "baby" to the VBC one day in May. It's a highly customized 1948

DeSoto: four-wheel disc brakes, Jaguar four-corner index suspension, air conditioning, 360 cu in V8 Dodge engine, Chrysler 727 heavy-duty transmission, tru-spike tape wheels. It also has new upholstery and all new chrome everywhere. It was built by a professional car restorer and is worth \$65,000. Bill had been eyeing this beauty for about a year and was able to negotiate a price much less than that.

Details including pictures for all of the above topics are on the U452 website: web2.acbld20.org/vbc/U452_home.html.

Boise gets new venue, plans for Longest Day, regional



Hello from Boise!

The Boise club is alive and well and staying busy. We have a new permanent place to play in Boise, at the Odd Fellows Club. We lost our previous place due to covid, so it is nice to be getting settled in our new place. We have also restarted our unit games on the first Sunday of every month. They are always well attended. The first two months back, we played at Boise's Crane Creek Country Club, and ordered delicious lunches from their menu before the game.

We have some big events coming up this summer. June 20, we are joining with the Caldwell club (Unit 398) to host the Longest Day games to benefit the

Alzheimer's Association. It will be held at the Elks club in Caldwell with a game at 10 a.m. and another at 3 p.m.

There will be a silent auction, free lunch provided by Toscano's, and the Boise club will be raffling off game chits. Muffins will be provided in the morning. It should be a fun time. Special thanks to **Karen Boss** and **Suzanne St. Thomas** for making all the arrangements. Also, thanks to **Duane Christensen** for being the director.

Boise is happy to be hosting a regional tournament Aug. 1-7 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. We are looking forward to seeing old and new friends at the bridge table for this event. It's been far too long since we all played our favorite game together. Boise is also hosting a sectional at the Holiday Inn Express by the Boise airport on Sept. 23-25.

Last but not least, **Judy Stauffer** earned her Ruby Life Master. Congratulations, Judy!

Beginner lessons resume



Redding news starts with a sad note: **Diane Prettyman**, our well-traveled bridge lady, passed away on March 1. Unfortunately, we hadn't seen Diane since covid. Diane was an accomplished Ruby Life Master, nearing her Gold. She was married to **Rayburn** just short of 62 years.

Diane, also known as "Gran," was a wife, mother, sister, grandmother, soon-to-be great grandmother, nurse, professional photographer, master bridge player, runner, pianist, world traveler and a lifelong scholar. She immensely enjoyed hiking, skiing, poetry, theater, opera, line dancing, dinner with family and confetti eggs.

She is survived by her husband Ray-

burn, also a bridge player, but who prefers playing golf. Diane coaxed Rayburn to become a director for **Gene Barrett's** Friday club. Rayburn complied and directed a grand total of one game and promptly returned to the links.

Our sister clubs in Mount Shasta and Yreka have become dormant, so we have reduced to two sessions, Mondays and Thursdays, at the Senior Center in Redding.

On the good news side, we started beginner lessons – taught by **Judy Ratley** – through May. We were fortunate to have initiated a beginner class before covid and all 10 students have returned, filling an additional two to three tables. On the calendar is another beginner class starting in September.

Our Awards Day in March which featured coffee and special cake was a fun day but didn't bring out more than nine tables. We've "retrieved" several of the "hibernating players" in May and are looking forward to more returning in the months to come.

Dolores Mackey and **Bud Hamilton** won the 61-table Monday afternoon D19 & 20 STaC in April with a 68.91% game.



Diane Prettyman

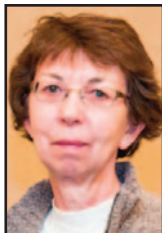
AROUND THE UNITS

Salem venue reopens; Corvallis wins match

Summer in the Valley is a pleasant time — provided we can avoid the massive heat wave we experienced last year. Even as the weather gets nice, we encourage you to stop by for bridge — our member clubs offer some type of game every day of the week so there's bound to be a game that fits your schedule. See more details at the unit's website www.salembridgeclub.org.

Comings and goings

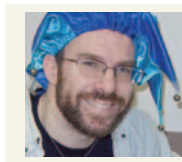
It is with a heavy heart that the unit says goodbye to **Elisabeth Perchellet** who passed away in March. Our condolences go out to her husband **Jean-Pierre (JP)**. In happier news, the unit is delighted to welcome **Fred McDonnal** of McMinnville. We're glad to have you join us!



Elisabeth Perchellet

Tournament tales

We welcome this section back to the column (after a two-year hiatus) with a pair of wins! **Carolyn Orr** and **Jeff Nevins** kicked things off for the unit with a win in the Saturday morning 199er game at the Portland Sectional in January. Not to be outdone, **Robert DeMaster**, playing with former Unit 490 resident **Marion Hull**, won the Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs at the Oregon Trail Regional in February. Congratula-



Salem



By Kevin Kacmarynski

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tions to all of you!

Inter-Unit competition

Unit 477 (Albany/Corvallis) challenged Unit 490 to a match in Corvallis on April 24. This was the resumption of the annual competition between neighboring units that had been on hiatus the last two years.

Unfortunately, only four Unit 490 pairs made the trek down to Corvallis for the challenge. Hopelessly outnumbered, we managed to win strat B but the margin was not enough to overcome Unit 477's advantages in strats A & C, and the traveling plaque will spend the year in Corvallis. Keep it nicely polished for us, Unit 477 — we'll be seeing it again before too long.

Capital Manor games resume

Due to covid followed by subsequent renovations, Salem Bridge Club had not held a game at Capital Manor in West Salem since March of 2020. That changed in April as the location was reopened to bridge games. The unit kicked off proceedings with a game on April 20 (results below) and SBC will return to their Wednesday (6:30 p.m.)

and Saturday (6 p.m.) evening game schedule at the Manor. Like the other games run by Salem Bridge Club, covid vaccinations are required to play in these games.

With the reopening of the Manor for bridge, Unit Games will revert to their pre-pandemic schedule of first Sunday (1 p.m., Keizer) and third Wednesday (6:30 p.m., West Salem).

Rank changes

The unit would like to congratulate new Regional Master **Allison Drew**, the only unit member to earn a new masterpoint rank this last quarter.

Unit games

The Lewis award is given out to the Unit 490 player who earns the most masterpoints in unit games during the year. The current co-leaders in the 2022 race are **Zina Galaka** and **Susan Palmer**, with **Steve Drew** just 0.04 points behind.

Results

Unit Game, Jan. 6 — 1A: Steve Drew — Marion Hull, 2A: Laurie Naemura — Michael Keeney, 3A: Jack & Nancy Wetherson.

Unit Game, March 6 — 1A/1B: Don Pitt — Wing Yung, 2A: Zina Galaka — Susan Palmer, 3A/2B: Jeff Nevins — Carolyn Orr.

Unit Game, April 3 — 1A: Zina Galaka — Susan Palmer, 2A: Steve Drew — Kevin Kacmarynski, 3A/1B: Don Pitt — Wing Yung.

Unit Game, April 20 — 1A: Jeff & Christy Wiegel, 2A: Ross & Jeanne Hibler, 3A: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan.



Eugene/ Springfield



By Don Marsh

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Eugene elects board

The unit was finally to hold its annual election party, though it was a bit scaled-down from previous years. Following the morning game, everyone enjoyed lunch provided by the unit. The pizza and salad were great, and no desserts went uneaten.

The slate of candidates as presented was accepted by unanimous consent. Elected were **Ned Forman**, **Doug Berg**, **John Thomas**, **Marna Knoer** and **Carole Schmitz**, who ran for reelection. They join holdover members **Ali Amory**, **Joyce Spence**, **Betsy Ovitt** and **Diane Bricker**. At their first Zoom session, Betsy was elected president; Diane, vice president; Carole, treasurer and Ali, secretary. This is the first time in Unit 479's history that we have had all female officers. Expectations are high.

We express our thanks to **John Wolf** for his years of service as president. Great job, John!

One of the first issues for the board is securing the playing site for the upcoming sectional. We have for years had access to the wonderful space at Bushnell University (formerly Northwest Christian University). We are all hopeful that space will be available to us again. The alternative will be to hold event at the Emerald Bridge Club.

The dates for the Eugene-Springfield Sectional are June 3-5. Session times are 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reserve these dates on you calendar and plan on attending.

F2F at EBC no longer requires masks and so far, so good. Covid is still out there so being cautious is not a terrible thing. Stay safe.



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Youth Bridge Summer Camp Vancouver, Washington

Zen Online & in-person camp utilizing computers/tablets

July 18-22

- Introduction to Bridge: Session 1
- Fee: \$125/5-day workshop

July 25-29

- Introduction & continuation Bridge: Sessions 1 & 2
- Fee: \$125/5-day workshop
- Continue from Session 1 and start beginner

Hours: Monday to Friday (On site; bring your computer or tablet/iPad & lunch)

- 10 a.m. to noon, PDT computer class
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Coaches

Margi Redden and Lynda Hirst, accredited ACBL teachers

Information

Contact:
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Vancouver Bridge Club
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ACBL Educational Foundation



District 20 NAP 2022 - 2023

Win a subsidized trip to New Orleans in March 2023!

Schedule for the 2022-2023 NAP competition:

- **Club Qualifying:** June, July, and August (both F2F and online virtual clubs)

Note: club qualifying is required to advance to the District Finals

- **District Finals:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 – Flights A & C (tentative)
Sunday, October 30, 2022 – Flight B (tentative)

Players play online via BBO from home or other convenient location!

- **National Finals:** March 8-19, 2023, at the Spring NABCs in New Orleans, LA

Flight Eligibility

Flight A – Open to any player

Flight B – Players with less than 2500 MPs *

Flight C – Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MPs *

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

Advancement From D20 Finals:

- The top three eligible pairs in Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B & C qualify to the National Final.
- Travel subsidies may be offered by the D20 Board in addition to those given by the ACBL.

For More Information:

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ACBL:

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



D20 (2021 Conditions for reference):

http://web2.acblid20.org/NA_Events/NAP/2021/D20_NAP_CoC.pdf



WINNERS AT THE OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs Knockout



Roger McNay, Suzanne Cook, Jay Roll, Jon Bartlett

Bracket 1

Monday, May 16

- Monday Evening Charity Pairs** (27 pairs)
- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA
 - 2A Carol Smith - David Cartwright, Oakland CA
 - 3A Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
 - 1B Michael Pham - Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
 - 2B Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Susan Battistella, Bend OR
 - 3B/1C Tamera Florio - Judith Rosen, Bend OR
 - 2C Rosalee Hermens - Birgit Ball-Eisner, Bend OR

- Wednesday Afternoon Side Swiss Teams** ... (3 teams)
- 1A Barbara Ball - Judith Wilkinson - Margaret Evenson - Cookie Hegge, Portland OR

- Friday Morning Side Pairs** (6 pairs)
- 1A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
 - 2A Dan Betts, Scottsdale AZ; Rita Docken, La Quinta CA

Tuesday, May 17

- Tuesday Open Pairs** (28 pairs)
- 1A Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
 - 2A Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Terry Lavender, Arlington VA
 - 3A Connie Coquillette, Portland OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
 - 1B/C Michael Pham - Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
 - 2B Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Michael Thurlow, Bend OR
 - 3B/2C Mark Osborn - Carolyn Hennig, Redmond OR
 - 3C Dave Pinch - Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR

Thursday, May 19

- Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 1** (6 teams)
- 1 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
 - 2 Rick Prouser - Ray Roll - Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR
 - 3-4 Nelda Linman, Redmond OR; Don Lycette, Bend OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; R Peel, Milwaukie OR
 - 3-4 Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Paul Darin - Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA

- Friday Afternoon Side Pairs** (10 pairs)
- 1-3A/1-2B/1C Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
 - 1-3A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
 - 1-3A/1-2B Carolyn Adams - Bert Adams, Steilacoom WA
 - 3-4B John Speckmann - Valerie Hanseith, Bend OR
 - 3-4B Richard Gettmann - Jane Drevo, Bend OR
 - 2C John Speckmann - Valerie Hanseith, Bend OR

Bracket 2



Bert Adams, Carolyn Adams, Jayne James, Darrel Mooney

Riverhouse Fri-Sat Knockout



Hal Montgomery, Mike Levy, John Ashton, Jon Bartlett

- Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs** (20 pairs)
- 1C/E Stefanie Whitcomb, Bend OR; Sandra Thomas, Phoenix AZ
 - 2C Jared Jenkins, Boise ID; Sterling Smith, Middleton ID
 - 3C/2D/E Steven Acker - Lynda Bishop, Portland OR
 - 3D/E Marta York - Marianne Moon, Missoula MT

- Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 2** (9 teams)
- 1 Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA; Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Jayne James, Midvale UT
 - 2 Stephanie Haddy - Larry Haddy - David Divine, Scottsdale AZ; Robert Scheidtmann - Pamela Hughes, Bend OR
 - 3-4 Larry Smith - Laura Smith - Nancy Serne, Redmond OR; Dianne Maffia, Bend OR
 - 3-4 George Kuppler - Stephen Prokop - Claudia Kemper, Brookings OR; W. Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA

- Friday Afternoon Side Swiss Teams** (4 teams)
- 1A Chip Cleveland - Roberta Cleveland, Bend OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; R. Peel, Milwaukie OR
 - 1B Phil Emerson - Jared Jenkins - Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Jayne James, Midvale UT

Saturday, May 21

- Riverhouse Friday-Saturday KO** (12 teams)
- 1 John Ashton - Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
 - 2 Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Paul Darin - Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA
 - 3-4 Nancy Crawford - George Crawford, Portland OR; Cynthia Sinn - E. Arthur, Rockaway Beach OR
 - 3-4 George Kuppler - Stephen Prokop - Claudia Kemper, Brookings OR; W. Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA

- Black Butte Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 1** (4 teams)
- 1 Rick Prouser - Edward Lee - Ray Robert, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR

- Black Butte Mon-Tues KO Bkt 2** (6 teams)
- 1 Robert Pfeffer - James Hurlburt - Ronald Foerster - Roger Nootenboom, Bend OR
 - 2 Larry Smith - Laura Smith - Nancy Serne, Redmond OR; Dianne Maffia, Bend OR

- Thursday Open Pairs** (28 pairs)
- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA
 - 2A Amy Casanova - Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
 - 3A John Ashton, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
 - 1B Bob Valine - Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
 - 2B Elinor Hood, Portland OR; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA
 - 3B Mary Alice Seville - Janice Boger, Corvallis OR
 - 1C Clyde Coon, Boise ID; William Cook, Twin Falls ID
 - 2C John McClure - Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA
 - 3C Barbara Ball - Judith Wilkinson, Portland OR

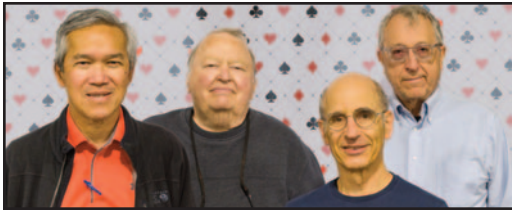
- Saturday Open Pairs** (20 pairs)
- 1A J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA
 - 2A Lily Andre - James Andre, Allyn WA
 - 3A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA
 - 1B/C Clyde Coon, Boise ID; William Cook, Twin Falls ID
 - 2B Ray Robert - Jamie Sparks, Portland OR
 - 3B Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Phoenix AZ
 - 2C Stefanie Whitcomb, Bend OR; Sandra Thomas, Phoenix AZ

- Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs** (16 pairs)
- 1A Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
 - 2A/1B Donald Crozier - Connie Fox, Bend OR
 - 3A/2B Carolyn Adams - Bert Adams, Steilacoom WA
 - 3B Jan Yocum, Vancouver WA; Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR
 - 1C Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Susan Battistella, Bend OR
 - 2C John McClure - Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA

- Thursday Gold Rush Pairs** (12 pairs)
- 1C/D Nikolai Popov - Emiliya Kazandzhieva, Port Angeles WA
 - 2C/D Eileen Norris - Claire Doherty, Portland OR
 - 3C/D Sandra Thomas, Phoenix AZ; Stefanie Whitcomb, Bend OR

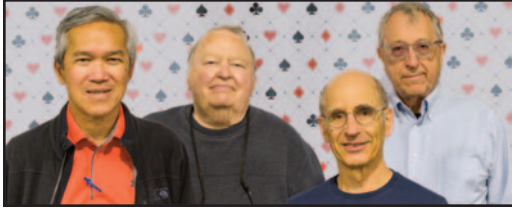
- Saturday Open Swiss Teams** (10 teams)
- 1A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Gerard Hallee - Leslie Kelson - Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
 - 2A Chip Cleveland - Roberta Cleveland, Bend OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; R. Peel, Milwaukie OR
 - 3A/1B Elinor Hood, Portland OR; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Nancy Serne, Redmond OR; Dianne Maffia, Bend OR
 - 2B/1C Dennis Kendig - Kay Bain, Ashland OR; Lynne Annett - Mike Annett, Hood River OR
 - 3B David Divine - Stephanie Haddy, Scottsdale AZ; Nelda Linman, Redmond OR; Pamela Hughes, Bend OR

Bracket 1



Ed Lee, Dave Green, Rick Prouser, Ray Robert

Black Butte Mon-Tues Knockout



Mark Itabashi, Brian Gilbert
Tuesday Open Pairs
Wednesday Open Pairs
Thursday Open Pairs
Monday Charity Pairs

Wednesday, May 18

- Wednesday Open Pairs** (18 pairs)
- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA
 - 2A John Ashton, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
 - 3A Chip Cleveland, Bend OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
 - 1B Clyde Coon, Boise ID; William Cook, Twin Falls ID
 - 2B Elinor Hood, Portland OR; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA

- Thursday Morning Side Pairs** (16 pairs)
- 1A Chip Cleveland, Bend OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
 - 2A Judy Stemmans - George Stemmans, Bellevue WA
 - 3A/1B Patricia Douglas, Bend OR; Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR
 - 2B Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Phoenix AZ
 - 3B Dee Cockfield, Bend OR; Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR
 - 1C Jane Urban - Toni Albano, Portland OR
 - 2C Fran Allen, Pappilion NE; Carina Cassim, Portland OR

- Sunday Bracketed Teams 1** (5 teams)
- 1 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III - Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
 - 2 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer - Gerard Hallee - Leslie Kelson, Portland OR

- Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs** (18 pairs)
- 1C/D Gretchen Shively - Chuck Shively, Seattle WA
 - 2C John McClure - Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA
 - 3C/2D/1E Emiliya Kazandzhieva - Nikolai Popov, Port Angeles WA
 - 3D/2E Harold Shrader, Prineville OR; Leslie Weaver, Bend OR
 - 3E Greg Schweizer, Redmond OR; Judith Rosen, Bend OR

- Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs** (14 pairs)
- 1A Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA
 - 2A Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Paul Darin, San Diego CA
 - 3A/1B Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Phoenix AZ
 - 2B Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
 - 3B/1C Stephen Prokop - George Kuppler, Brookings OR
 - 2C Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Susan Battistella, Bend OR

- Sunday Bracketed Teams 2** (6 teams)
- 1-2 Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR; Sandra Thomas, Phoenix AZ; Stefanie Whitcomb - Patricia Douglas, Bend OR
 - 1-2 Clyde Coon - Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Jayne James, Midvale UT; William Cook, Twin Falls ID
- Sunday Fast Pairs** (10 pairs)
- 1A J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA; Nelda Linman, Redmond OR
 - 2A Janie Peary, Vancouver WA; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
 - 3A Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; David Taylor, Seattle WA
 - 1B James Hurlburt, Bend OR; Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR
 - 2B Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Elinor Hood, Portland OR

- Wednesday Morning Side Pairs** (10 pairs)
- 1A/C Ned Forman - Beverly Roy, Eugene OR
 - 2A/C Helen Pyme, Bend OR; Sylvia Bailey, Mercer Island WA
 - 3A/B Jack Wetherson - Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR
 - 3C Dan Betts, Scottsdale AZ; Rita Docken, La Quinta CA

Friday, May 20

- Friday Open Pairs** (28 pairs)
- 1-2A Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
 - 1-2A Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
 - 3A Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
 - 1B Rick Prouser - Jamie Sparks, Portland OR
 - 2B/1C William Cook, Twin Falls ID; Clyde Coon, Boise ID
 - 3B/2C Ronald Foerster - Glen Bates, Bend OR
 - 3C Carolyn Hennig, Redmond OR; Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR

- Thursday-Saturday Side Series** (59 players)
- 1-2 Margi Redden, Phoenix AZ; Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA
 - 3-4 James Smith, Mapleton OR; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR

- Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs** (8 pairs)
- 1A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
 - 2A/1B Maya Schimpf - Martin Schimpf, Boise ID
 - 3A/2B William Strite - Kay Pankratz, Vancouver WA
 - 3B Jack Wetherson - Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR

- Friday Gold Rush Pairs** (8 pairs)
- 1C/D Nikolai Popov - Emiliya Kazandzhieva, Port Angeles WA
 - 2C Gerald Hickman - Margie Hickman, Bellingham WA
 - 3C/2D Anne Oglevie, Weiser ID; Sharon Wada, Ontario OR

Top masterpoint winners

Score	Name	Score	Name	Score	Name
111	5.56 Jared Jenkins, Boise ID	114	5.13 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR	115	5.11 Greg Wilson, Boise ID
117	4.92 Tom McKenna, Portland OR	118	4.82 Terry Strand, Lake Oswego OR	120	4.80 Glen Bates, Bend OR
123	4.64 Judith Rosen, Bend OR	124	4.49 Margaret Evenson, Portland OR	126	4.43 Kay Bain, Ashland OR
137	3.83 Steven Acker, Portland OR	139	3.78 Kathy Marcus, Lake Oswego OR	141	3.57 Richard Gettmann, Bend OR
143	3.48 Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR	145	3.46 Mike Annett, Hood River OR	148	3.39 Sue Tripp, Palm Desert CA
149	3.29 Marie Ashton, Portland OR	150	3.11 Karen Goldwater, Lake Oswego OR	152	2.97 Robert Peery, Corvallis OR
154	2.90 Helen Payne, Bend OR	155	2.93 Greg Schweizer, Redmond OR	156	2.90 Helen Payne, Bend OR



Roger McNay, Suzanne Cook and Jay Roll, Brian Gilbert
Friday Open Pairs



Jay Roll, Brian Gilbert
Saturday Open Pairs



Nelda Linman, Jay Roll
Sunday Fast Pairs



Sandra Thomas, Stefanie Whitcomb
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs



Chuck and Gretchen Shively
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs



Beverly Roy, Ned Forman
Wednesday Morning Side Pairs



Jon Neimand, Jim Smith
Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs
Friday Morning Side Pairs
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs

Play of the Hand

Dealing with curse-worthy bad splits

This hand is typical of those that make people grumble about computer deals.

West passed, thinking that if partner bids one of his majors, he will come alive.

North bid 3♦, hoping to prevent the opponents from finding a likely major fit.

East, an aggressive player not to be deterred, entered the fray with a bid of 3♠.

South had a really nice hand, with some diamonds to go with partner's preemptive suit. But with a solid heart suit, the top two clubs, and only one loser in spades, a bid of 4♥ seemed preferable at matchpoints.

West, ready to bid game when he heard his partner bid spades, reconsidered. If they could tap declarer with spade leads, East/West could probably beat 4♥. So he



Jim Flint
Play of the Hand

Dir: West ♠3
 Vul: N/S ♥8
 Lead: ♠5 ♦AK97543
 ♣10932

♠Q10752 ♠AJ9864
 ♥J65432 ♥—
 ♦— ♦Q106
 ♣Q ♣J654

♠K
 ♥AKQ1097
 ♦J82
 ♣AK8

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦	3♠	4♥
Dbl	All Pass		

doubled instead.

After the spade opening lead, East returned a club. South won the ace and played the ♥A, revealing the bad trump split. South next led a diamond toward dummy and it was downhill from there. West ruffed and led another spade. Every time West got in with a ruff, out came an-

other spade. South can't continue to draw trumps because after the first spade tap and subsequent taps, he will lose control of trumps — and the hand. Down three for minus 800.

South can keep it to down one by *not* drawing trumps. Looking at top honors in clubs, diamonds, and hearts, South should realize that West's double is based solely on long trumps, probably holding all six. Therefore, a heart needs to be left in dummy to protect against another spade lead shortening his own trumps.

Now South can play on the side suits and never lose control of trumps, because the first spade tap can be trumped in dummy.

If South runs to 5♦ after the heart double, surprise, it makes! But if he does run, West will sacrifice with a bid of 5♠. And, surprise, it makes!

Grumble, grumble, grumble.

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AROUND THE UNITS



Bend/Redmond
♣♦♥♠
By Greg Schweizer
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About our clubs

Unit 476 covers Central Oregon — the cities of Bend and Redmond, and surrounding towns. There are four active duplicate bridge clubs in the unit. There is a blend of face-to-face and online bridge available within the four clubs.

Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club has face-to-face games on Mondays and Fridays at the Larkspur Center in Bend. Attendance has been increasing since the indoor mask mandate was lifted in Oregon. The club also has an online game on BBO on Wednesdays. The club is run by a collective of members and there is a board that manages the club. There is an election coming up with two board positions open. Any member who is interested should contact **Chip Cleveland, Pat Douglas, Judy Rosen** or **Mike Koonce**.

The **Ace of Hearts** club has a limited game on Tuesdays and an open game on Saturdays. Both are online on BBO. Both games are doing well with attendance.

The **Central Oregon Hub Bridge Club** has an online-only game on Thursdays. Attendance has been holding steady.

Gentle Bridge has a limited game that has been online-only on Fridays, but they are going to start having face-to-face games twice per month at the Village Wiestoria Depot in Bend. The first face-to-face was at the end of April, and then will be the first and third Friday of each month. The other Fridays will continue to be online.

In Memoriam

Ron Holbrook
Oct. 15, 1933–April 9, 2022

Ronald Frank Holbrook was born in Portland on Oct. 15, 1933. He was the son of Edward Frank Holbrook and Laura Shay Hastings Holbrook.

Ron was struck by a vehicle when he was 2 years old and was in the hospital for 20 months. The accident left him deaf in one ear and hearing impaired in the other ear. As a result, he struggled to hear and spoke loudly, but he didn't let that slow him down.



Ron Holbrook

Ron went to Grant High School and was a track star, and later a student at Portland State University. He served in the Army during the Korean War and many years for the Oregon National Guard. His mother owned a music and dance studio, and Ron was a student and teacher.

That is where he met his sweetheart, Marilyn. Together they got married and had four children, all boys. Ron had a great sense of humor and loved to play all kinds of games. He was a golfer and a tennis player until the age of 80. He played the piano and loved to play bridge.

He was an employee of the post office and had been retired for the last 25 years.

After eight years of fighting cancer, he passed away at the Ray Hickey Hospice House. He is survived by his four sons, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many cousins and families and many friends.

Education at Bend Regional



Bridge teacher and professional player Jeff Roman gave lessons each morning during the Bend Regional.

Focus on being a good partner

As we all know, bridge is the most beautiful game in the world, or, better said, sport. Unlike many games and sports where we win or lose on our own, bridge is a partnership game.

In life, a partnership is a relationship between two individuals that agree to have open communication, flexibility, mutual benefit and accessibility. In bridge, it is no different. Nevertheless, not everyone is a good partner, and, in most cases, it has nothing to do with skill!

What does it entail to be a good bridge partner?

First, you have to be nice. And I don't mean nice in life but nice at the table. Especially to your partner, but also to your opponents.

Understanding your partner's needs is a huge asset. Does your partner get distracted by small talk? Avoid it. Is she not a morning person? Buy the entry so she can get a couple of extra minutes. Does he forget to keep score? Make sure you always

keep it. Small details go a long way. The more comfortable your partner feels, the better they will play.

Control your emotions. If you are continuously frustrated, you might want to leave the table and never see your partner again.

The truth is, your options are limited. You can decide not to play again with that specific partner in the future; but first you can take a short break, take deep breaths and remember that you also have made awful mistakes.

What you do away from the table might also affect your partnership. Do you tend to discuss hands with others where your partner made a glaring error? Shaming someone won't make them a better player. Why don't

you focus on your own mistakes? You will learn more and it won't affect your partner's bridge confidence.

There is no such thing as winning "with your suit" or defeating a contract by yourself. It is a partnership game, so it is always

the partnership who wins or losses. Even if you feel like you were playing against three opponents.

"Strengthening your strengths" is a very effective method for becoming better at anything. Have you tried complimenting your partner on the things they do well? It might be a great motivator and reinforce the good strategies that will make you both win.

If once every blue moon you fail to be a good partner, please don't worry. The important thing is to get back on track by apologizing to your partner first and then come back to do all the things that you know will make you a good partner.

Remember that we are all learning together.

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Patricia Herrera
Guest Contributor



Ask Jeff

ACBL tournament director Jeff Jacob answers your questions on rulings

Dear Jeff,

Say I am defending, the declarer is on my left; dummy on my right. The declarer calls for a card from the dummy. Dummy pulls a card and I play a card. Well, it turns out dummy pulled the wrong card, but I didn't know because I did not clearly hear what declarer said.

Can dummy change the played card? Can I change my card? If I do, is my exposed card a penalty card?

— I just want to follow suit

Dear Hearing Aid,

Law 45d1 addresses this problem: "D. Dummy Picks up a Non-designated Card

1. If dummy places in the played position a card that declarer did not name, the card must be withdrawn if attention is drawn to it before each side has played to the next trick, and a defender may withdraw and return to his hand a card played after the error but before attention was drawn to it; if declarer's RHO changes his play, declarer may withdraw a card he had subsequently played to that trick. (See Law 16C.)"

In answer to your question, if the mistake is caught before both sides has played to the next trick, this can be corrected with no penalty card for the defenders, because the declaring side is at fault; if the RHO of declarer changes their play, declarer can also change their play. If the defender has changed their play, this is unauthorized information to declarer, and they cannot use the information in subsequent play.



Dear Jeff,

At a recent club game the bidding went 1♣-(1♣) by the opposition. I don't think the director got it right, what is the correct ruling?

— There has to be a better way to double 1♣

Dear Cuebids for Takeout,

Law 27 covers this insufficient bid: The opponent first gets the opportunity to accept and condone this bid; if they do, the auction proceeds with no penalties.

If they do not accept the insufficient bid, then the director needs to pull the offender away from the table and determine if the offending partnership has any agreements that show an opening hand and at least three clubs (assuming it was meant as natural — Precision club would be a different animal), most of the time 1♣-2♣ is not possible as natural because this would be Michaels or something similar. Sometimes the partnership may have the agreement that 1♣-3♣ shows a long club suit and an opening hand, then this would be an OK sufficient bid. If it does show clubs but not an opening hand, that is not a comparable bid and therefore not allowed as sufficient.

If there is a comparable bid, then the auction proceeds without penalty. If there is no comparable bid, then partner is required to pass throughout the rest of the auction with possible lead options for declarer.

A couple of notes:

1. Double or redouble is not permitted if there is no comparable call.
2. Just because there is a comparable call does not mean the defender has to make the comparable call; they can choose to bar partner if they think it is in their best interest to take the penalty.

Send questions to jeff.jacob@acbl.org.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

JUNE 2022	3 – 5 24 – 26	Eugene Sectional Portland Summer Sectional	Bushnell University, Eugene 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 TBA, Vancouver WA
SEPTEMBER 2022	TBA 9 – 11 9 – 11 Sept. 26–Oct. 2	Eureka Sectional Honolulu Sectional Portland Fall Sectional OREGON COAST REGIONAL	TBA, Bayside CA Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI Portland Bridge Club, Portland OR Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
OCTOBER 2022	15 – 16 21 – 23 TBA 29 – 30	Vancouver Fall I/N Sectional Gold Country Sectional Central Oregon Coast Sectional North American Pairs	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA TBA, Newport OR Online
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 TBA, Vancouver WA
DECEMBER 2022		No events scheduled	
JANUARY 2023	Jan. 1–May 21 7 – 8 Jan. 23–29	Grand National Teams Vancouver Winter I/N Sectional HAWAII REGIONAL	Online Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA Prince Waikiki, Honolulu HI
FEBRUARY 2023	Feb. 20–26	OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL	Vancouver Wash. Hilton, Vancouver WA
MARCH 2023	31 – 2 31 – 2	Seaside Sectional Golden Clam I/N Regional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org	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 Sept. 2–5 Spokane Valley Sectional WA Sept. 3–5 Olympia Sectional WA Oct. 7–9 Sunnyside Sectional WA	DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org	June 24–26 Butte Sectional MT July 8–10 Calgary Sectional AB Aug. 25–28 Missoula Sectional MT Sept. 5–11 Great Falls Regional MT
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		DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22	Sept. 5–11 Costa Mesa Regional CA Oct. 24–30 Ventura Regional CA Dec. 12–18 Palm Springs Regional, Rancho Mirage CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 14–24	Summer 2022	RI Convention Center, Providence RI
Nov. 24 – Dec. 4	Fall 2022	Convention Center, Phoenix AZ
March 9–19	Spring 2023	Marriott/Sheraton, New Orleans LA
July 13–23	Summer 2023	Sheraton, Chicago IL

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