

# the Desert Kibitzer



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August 2008

## This Months Events

**August 1-3**

Sectional (Grand Junction)

**August 3**

Unit Game (Adobe 1:00PM)

**August 4-10**

GW StaC (Local Clubs)

**August 16-17**

299er Sectional (Albuquerque)

**August 18-24**

Regional (Phoenix)

**August 22-24**

Sectional (Ft. Collins)

**August 29-Sept 1**

Sectional (El Paso)

Many people have asked for the Desert Kibitzer to be sent to them via e-mail. The Desert Kibitzer can always be found on our website at [SouthernArizonaBridge.com](http://SouthernArizonaBridge.com)

## Welcome New Members

Carla Faber;  
Sari Gersten;  
Patricia Greene

## Monthly Master Point Winners

### Adobe Bridge Club

#### Master Point Winners Under 1000

(8.14) Carolyn Reynolds; (7.27) Sydney Kaye; (6.95) Frank Douglas; (6.04) David Chakmakian; (5.92) Wagner Van Vlack

#### Master Point Winners Over 1000

(14.89) Marty Schiff; (14.58) Larry Dunham; (14.16) Steve Reynolds; (11.65) Nic Minenko; (10.99) Mike Levy

### Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

#### Top Ten Master Point Winners

Mary and Bob Baptist (5), Warren Fuesz, Al Bowman, Franz Schatz, Bob Wharton, Lorraine Vonk, Richard Grannis, Ted Fones, Greg Roth (4.38)

### Las Candelas Bridge Club

#### Master Point Winners Under 300

(4.08) Walter Mann; (3.21) Shirley Senofsky; (2.92) Judson Jones; (2.59) Jerry Dougherty; (2.24) Shirley Soucek

#### Master Point Winners 300-1000

(5.67) Marian Wilson; (5.59) Wagner Van Vlack; (4.45) Jacqueline Gillette; (3.13) Irma Ashley; (2.98) Avice Bosse

### Mountain View Bridge Club

#### Top Master Point Winners

A: (4.09) Barbara Feeley; (3.69) Kay Afdahl; (3.69) Darvin Afdahl

B: (3.63) Ron Morris; (2.81) Dean Frost; (2.38) Betty Edwards

### Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

#### Top Master Point Winners

(6.14) Ray Austin; (4.17) Ramona Bruce; (3.25) Lois Beyer

### Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

#### Top Master Point Winners

Larry Scott, Joyce Davis, Gale Peck, Judy Shelmutt, Katy Vaughn, Margarete Gallaer, Jessie King, and Shirley Cole

## Special Congratulations

### Top Percentage Games for the Month

(71.30) Bob Brussel-Ed Helpert; (70.83) Peggy Weldy and Janette Graunke

## Recent Rank Advances

**Junior Master:** Betty Jacobson and Jane Wienke

**Club Master:** Kelly Bright and John Schocke

**NABC Master:** Walter Mann

**Life Master:** Gwendolyn Black and Rosemary Brophy

**Bronze Life Master:** Evalyn Bennet-Alder

**Silver Life Master:** Synle Ellison; Christie McDougall and Oz Vulkoff

**Gold Life Master:** Jo Billeter

## *In Memoriam*

The Unit 356 Board of Directors mourns the loss of our dear friend and colleague Paul Moore who passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2008. We shall miss him very much. He was our Tournament Director for 10 years and it will be hard to replace him. We send our deepest sympathy to his family at this sad time.

## Adobe Bridge Club

By Barbarbra Rosenthal

**Best Games:** (70.83) Peggy Weldy/Janette Graunke; (69.25) Jurgen Kruse/William Schelstrate; (68.37) Randall Mandigo/Larry Dunham; (67.91) Jeffrey Lesser/Mike Levy; (67.82) Steve Pozez/Steve Reynolds; (67.00) Alan and Evonne Ravitz; (65.60) Carolyn and Steve Reynolds; (65.54) Martin Schiff/Larry Dunham; (65.51) Larry Dunham/Lou Herbster; (65.29) John Antliff/O Piplani; (65.22) Lawrence Dev De Lucia/Larry Dunham; (65.05) Lois Jameson/O Piplani.

**Club Championships:** 6/4: N/S-Sharon Demmons-Frank Giuffreda; E/W-Lou Herbster-Larry Dunham. 6/7: N/S-Joel Hessel/Lionel Larriva; E/W- Carolyn Reynolds-Suzanne Kinnear. 6/13: N/S- Nancy Atherton-Martin Schiff; E/W- Jo Billeter-Naomi Smith. 6/19: N/S-Mike Levy-Martin Schiff; E/W-George Good-Lawrence Dev De Lucia.

6/24: N/S-Greg West-George Good; E/W-Bob Simrak-Nicolai Minenko.

**Announcements:** There is a Charity Game on Friday, **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. The GW STaC is **August 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**. Swiss Teams Events on Monday and Friday. The Stac Pairs Events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be 2 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. **August 12<sup>th</sup>** is Birthday cake day. Thursday, **August 14<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday, **August 26<sup>th</sup>** are NAP Qualifier game. Thursday, **August 28<sup>th</sup>** is a Membership Game with 'MONGO' points. **September 1<sup>st</sup>** - "Great Labor Day Event" with pies and whipped cream.

## Mountain View Bridge Club

By Ron Morris

**Announcements:** The MountainView Duplicate Bridge Club conducts duplicate bridge games on Tuesday and Friday of each week in the DesertView Center at 1:00 PM. The games are open to all. If you would like to play, but do not have a partner, phone Barbara Feeley 825-6837, or JoAnn Aiken 818-1727, and we will try to locate a playing partner for you. We will hold nine sessions in August including a Club Championship on Friday the **August 29<sup>th</sup>**. There will also be STaC Games for Silver Points on **August 5<sup>th</sup>** and **August 8<sup>th</sup>**. August will be the last month of the Summer Savings Special. All duplicate bridge games will be only \$3 per session.

*"Bridge is a great  
comfort in your old  
age. It also helps you  
get there faster."*

*Rueful Rabbit*



## Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

By Chris Hasney

**65% Games:** Katy Vaughn and Paul Soper (69.30%), Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith, Jessie King and Edna Parnell, Judy Shelnutt and Shirley Cole, and George Willis and Paul Soper.

**Club Championships:** Gale Peck - Kaye Dean, George Willis - Larry Scott, Bob Walton - Chris Hasney, and Katy Vaughn - George Willis.

George Willis earned 7 1/2 masterpoints to become June's Life Master of the Month. Kaye Dean earned nearly 4 1/2 points to win Non-Life Master of the Month.

## Las Candelas Bridge Club

By Mary Dixon

### Master Point Winners Over 1000

(5.67) Marian Wilson; (5.59) Wagner Van Vlack; (4.45) Jacqueline Gillette; (3.13) Irma Ashley and (2.98) Avice Bosse.

**65% Games:** (71.30) Bob Brussel-Ed Helpert, (69.68) Doug Fritz-Jo Fritz, (69.51) Jean Montague-Ray Grady, (65.88) Marge Koenig-Joe Morella, (65.54) Irma Ashley-Tony Dare, (65.54) Doug Fritz-Jo Fritz, (65.28) Dick Augur-Wagner Van Vlack, (65.51) Jean Montague-Mary Dixon, (65.12) Frank Larriva-Walt Mann, (65.06) Jo Fritz-Doug Fritz.

### Club Championships: Tuesday, June 10th,

(1) Ray Grady-Jean Montague, (2) Jim Richart-Paul Yantz, (3) Jean Montague-Mary Dixon, (4) Linda Lineberry-Gerry Nicholson; Thursday, **June 19th**, (1) Tony Dare-Irma Ashley, (2) Doug Fritz-Jo Fritz, (3) Dave Douglass-Jo Ann Aiken, (4) Martie Mecon-Marian Wilson.

**Announcements:** Birthdays Friday - **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, 10:00 a.m.; Great Western STaC Pairs games Wednesday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>**—all 3 games and Friday Morning, **August 8<sup>th</sup>**; \$7.00 per person. There will be Club Championships on Wednesday, **August 13<sup>th</sup>** all 3 sessions. A special congratulations to Mary Dixon and Marge Koenig for winning the Saturday morning Pairs Game at the sectional in Prescott. There were 23 tables and they were **1<sup>st</sup>** overall in A and B. Well done! We have a new **Slow Play Policy**—in effect. After a warning to catch up, a penalty will be assessed against a pair who remains behind.

## Green Valley Bridge Club

By Catherine Clark

**65% Games:** Ray Austin - Roy Mastic; Lenore Toomey - Betsy Krystnak; Al Bowman - Franz Schatz; Mary and Bob Baptist (4); Lorraine Vonk - Dick Mullins; Greg Roth - Dick Grannis; Brenda Sonderegger - Al Bowman; Franz Schatz - Lorraine Vonk; Al Bowman - Bill Barkley; Mary Ruth Buchheister - Maggie Wharton. 49ers: Lois Hoppe - Mary Lesko; Jim Merriman - John Burgeson; Terry Nelson - Frank Hagerty

## Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

By Doris Kuzmak

**65% Games:** (67.15) Ray Austin and Ramona Bruce; (66.66) Al Bowman and Bill Barkley.

**Announcements:** **August 9, 2008**—STaC, **August 23, 2008**—NAOP Qualify Game

## "Rule of Two, Three and Four"

The concept of this variation is based on the number of losing tricks held and the possible number of tricks the partnership may surrender in an expected doubled contract, which is expected in advance not to make. The conditions should be met according to the following guidelines. ♠7, ♥KQJ10843, ♦82, ♣754. First, the conditions of vulnerability must be taken into consideration. In this example, the opening side is vulnerable and the opponents are not vulnerable. The trick is to count the number of winners by counting the number of losing tricks. The number of losing tricks equals 7. 1 ♠ loser, 1 ♥ loser, 2 ♦ losers and 3 ♣ losers. Thus the number of winning tricks is 6 or the number of total tricks 13 minus 7. According to the Rule of Two, Three and Four, the correct bid should be an opening of only 2 ♥'s. In the case that the opening side and the defenders are both equally vulnerable, then the correct bid should be an opening of only 3 ♥'s. In the case that the opening side is not vulnerable and the defenders are vulnerable, then the correct bid should be an opening of only 4 ♥'s. Basically, the concept is so established that the opening preempting partnership should not be penalized by a doubled contract for more than the value of the potential game possibility of the opponents. Another feature of the effectiveness of this concept is the assumption that the partner, more times than not, has and can provide the source of one winning trick. The shorthand version is presented below: Vulnerable VS Not Vulnerable: - Bid 2 tricks more than you have. Equal Vulnerability: - Bid 3 tricks more than you have. Non Vulnerable VS Vulnerable: - Bid 4 tricks more than you have.

Happy Birthday to our  
August Friends  
Astrological Signs— Cancer  
and Virgo  
Birthstone—Peridot  
*"Growing old is like being  
increasingly penalized for a crime  
you have not committed"*  
Anthony Powell  
110 chances to play bridge in  
Southern Arizona



### Help Needed

Prudy Cain and Julie  
Abrahams are co-chairing the  
Hospitality Committee for  
the Regional in November.  
We are looking for friendly  
people to help us welcome  
the players as they register for  
the tournament. Please call  
or e-mail Prudy or Julie if you  
are willing to participate. It  
will be lots of fun.

## July 13, 2008 2 Session Unit Game Results

### Flight A—Overall

1. Darwin Afdahl & Kay Afdahl
2. Mary Baptist & Robert Baptist
3. Christie McDougall & Gene McDougall

### Flight B—Overall

1. Christie McDougall & Gene McDougall
2. Fran Hammond & Mary Maxwell
3. Daniel Nelson & Brenda Sonderegger

### Flight C—Overall

1. John Arnold & Morris Lamb
2. William Schelstrate & David Stewart
3. Bud Smith & Jim Overacker

### 299er's Overall

1. Marge Curvin & Gary Paugh
2. Nancy Porterfield & Kay Coombs
3. Mary Clutz & Shirley Soucek

A **BIG** Thank You to **Steve Reynolds** for the wonderful  
food provided at this event.



### In Memoriam

Margaret Dosch  
Paul Moore



*Speeding up play. After the deal  
is completed, the scorer should  
immediately and quietly verify the  
results and enter the score.  
Avoid talking loudly about the  
results, as nearby tables may be  
distracted by hearing about the  
score at your table. North  
should score before writing the  
results in his/her private score*

### Help Wanted

The Unit 356 Board has an  
opening that needs to be  
filled. If you are interested in  
being on the Board of  
Directors, please contact  
Prudy Cain or Julie  
Abrahams before July 31st.  
The board will vote on the  
candidates at the August 3rd  
meeting.

#### DISTRICT 17 & UNIT 356 WEBSITES

<http://district17news.com> - Schedules for District 17 Regionals, Sectionals & Events  
<http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com> - Official Unit 356 website

**UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** **PRESIDENT:** Julie Abrahams ♥ **VICE PRESIDENT:** Julie Abrahams ♥ **TREASURER:** Christie McDougall ♥ **SECRETARY:** Jan Miller ♥  
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Brenda Sonderegger ♥ **IN REPRESENTATIVE:** Marge Curvin ♥ **PUBLICITY:** Julie Abrahams and Marge Curvin ♥ **KIBITZER:** Julie Abrahams ♥  
**CLUB MANAGER:** Bob Simrak ♥ **HOSPITALITY:** Board of Directors ♥ **MEMBERSHIP:** Vacant ♥ **EDUCATION:** Kenneth Badertscher ♥ **PARTNERSHIPS:** Betty Compton ♥  
**BYLAWS:** Bob Simrak ♥ **CADDY MASTER:** Brenda Sonderegger ♥ **WEB MASTER:** Barry Abrahams

## WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Barbara Rosenthal, Club Manager) 3727 E. Blackledge—795-2441 <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/">http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/</a>	1:00p	12:30p	12:30p Open and 0-999	12:30p Open and Novice	12:30p Open and NLM	12:30p	9:00a NLM 1:00p Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Catherine Clark, Manager)—648-1781 <a href="http://members.cox.net/gvbridge">members.cox.net/gvbridge</a>		1:00p Inv West			6:30p Inv Canoa	1:00p Inv West	
High Desert Hands 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager)—559-7894 <a href="mailto:carol@crazyedoptical.com">carol@crazyedoptical.com</a>						12:00p	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sonny Bal, Manager)—696-9101 401 E. Limberlost <a href="http://www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com">www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com</a>		12:30p	12:30p Open	12:30p 299'r & Open 6:30p	12:30p Open	10:00a Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)—818-1727 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke <a href="http://Mountainviewbridgeclub.com">Mountainviewbridgeclub.com</a>			1:00p			1:00p	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club (James Richhart, Manager)—744-4212 On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd	<i>Contact Jim Richhart for game dates &amp; times</i>						
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager)—625-4027 or 237-1952—600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church — <a href="mailto:dldkay@cox.net">dldkay@cox.net</a>							12:30p Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club 608 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista—803-9564 or 432-3883		12:30p		12:30p	6:30p	12:30p	

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE—August 2008 (Peach Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					August 1	August 2
					Birthdays I.C. Charity Game A Sectional (Grand Junction)	
August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
Unit Game (Adobe 1:00PM)	GW STaC (Local Clubs)	GW STaC (Local Clubs) Pairs STaC A STaC MV	GW STaC (Local Clubs) Pairs STaC A I.C.	GW STaC (Local Clubs) Pairs STaC A	GW STaC (Local Clubs) Pairs STaC I.C. STaC MV	GW STaC (Local Clubs)
August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
GW STaC (Local Clubs)		Birthday Cake Day A	CC I.C.	NAP Qualifier A  V-J Day		299er Sectional (Albuquerque)
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
	Regional (Phoenix)	Regional (Phoenix)	Regional (Phoenix)	Regional (Phoenix)	Regional (Phoenix) Sectional (Ft. Collins)	NAOP Qualifier S Regional (Phoenix) Sectional (Ft. Collins)
August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30/31
Regional (Phoenix) Sectional (Ft. Collins)		NAP Qualifier A		Membership Game A	CC MV Sectional (El Paso)	Sectional (El Paso)
<p><b>Abbreviations:</b> AD – Adobe, MV – Mountain View, TM – Thunder Mountain, LC – Las Candelas, QH – Queen of Hearts, S – Saguaro CC – Club Championship, CAC – Club Appreciation Championship, NLM – Non Life Master, IN – Intermediate /Novice</p>						