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Desert Kibitzer



BRIDGE NEWS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA

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Unit 356



December 2008

Happy Holidays

This Months
Events

December 5-7
Sectional
(Scottsdale)

December 8-14

STaC

(Local Clubs)

December 14
Unit Game &
(STaC)

(Adobe) 1:00PM
Christmas Pot
Luck

prior to game.

Bring a dish to
share

As of January 1, 2010,
if you have not joined
ACBL or do not
maintain you dues
current, you will need
500 master points to
become a
Life Master

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

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Monthly Master Point Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(18.76) Syd Kaye; (10.60) Wagner Van Vlack; (8.56) Ann Day; (8.25) Jan Miller; (7.34) Patricia Galinet

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(23.38) Larry Dunham; (21.58) George Good; (20.35) Bob Simrak; (19.07) Marty Schiff;
(16.70) Ginny Alexander

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(7.48) Judson Jones; (7.16) Steve Lang; (6.95) Jacqueline Gillette;
(5.82) Reginald Graves; (5.56) Catherine Esquivel

Master Point Winners 500—1250

(12.65) Shakti Routh; (11.04) Wagner Van Vlack; (10.18) Ray Grady;
(10.12) Ray Call; (9.27) Muriel Budzien.

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

A. (4.14) Kay Afdahl; (4.14) Darwin Afdahl; (4.01) Barb Feeley
B. (2.67) Steve Dorse; (2.67) Ron Morris; (1.88) Vicki Hanson

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(6.42) Lillian Mahvi & Anne West; (5.06) Ted Walden & Bob Ward; (4.72) Ted Fones

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

Marc Hay (10.55), Don Hard, Katy Vaughn, Paul Soper, Joyce Davis,
Peggy Wilder, Diana Smith, Larry Scott, George Willis, and Mary Blanchard (6.50)

Happy Holidays 

Special Congratulations

Top Percentage Games for the Month

(75.00) Mabel Kadet & Jim Martin; (71.79) Ginny Alexander & Percy Brown;
(70.08) Shakti Routh & Dave Douglass; (70.00) Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser and Darwin & Kay Afdahl

OOPS:

In last months Kibitzer, I mistakenly gave Marie Heald and Rita Smith the grand rank advances of Silver Life Master, instead of the awesome rank advances of **Gold Life Master**. For this I apologize and hope you find this achievement as amazing as I do.—Ladies, please forgive me — Julie

Great Chief's Regional

We would like to thank **YOU** for making our Regional such a success. Many kudos to our wonderful volunteers for their hard work. We couldn't have done it without you. Don't forget January 8-11 for our Winter Sectional and February 19-22 for the I/N Regional—both at the Holiday Inn. See you there.



Adobe Bridge Club

By Barbarbra Rosenthal

65% Games: (71.79) Ginny Alexander/Percy Brown; (68.59) John Antliff/Lois Jameson; (68.33) Steve Reynolds/Bob Simrak; (68.00) Joel Hessel/Ann Hinge; (67.71) Brian McCarthy/Larry De Lucia; (67.31) Ray and Russell Bright; (67.26) Ann Day/Percy Brown (67.13) Jeff Lesser/Marty Schiff; (66.71) Marty Schiff/Mike Levy; (66.45) Leonard Hall/Jerry Wharton; (66.43) Ken Badertscher/Marty Schiff; (65.87) George Good/Dev De Lucia; (65.84) Bob Simrak/Larry Dunham and (65.38) Syd Kaye/Larry Dunham

Special Games Winners: Oct. 2-N/S- M. Schiff/M.Levy, E/W-George Good/Dev De Lucia, Oct. 5-N/S Van Vlack/Suny Bal, E/W-Nancy Stewart/Ellie Horton, Oct. 14-N/S Katie Collinson/Jo Billeter, Oct. 17-N/S—Pat McGuire/Pat Mount, E/W- Mike Smith/Ginny Alexander, Oct. 20-N/S Pat McGuire/Barbara Schmidt E/W Syd Kaye/Larry Dunham, Oct. 22-N/S George Good/Larry Dunham,, E/W-Russ Stowers/Bob Johnston, Oct. 25-NLM-N/S-Cynthia Coleman/Kathleen Jacobs E/W-Ray and Russell Bright, Open-Suzanne Kinnear/Carolyn Reynolds, Oct 27-N/S Betty Fine/Jerry Wharton E/W- Nancy Atherton/Larry Dunham, Oct.31-Section A-N/S-Betty Fine/Nancy Lord Watts, E/W-Mel Norvelle/Linda Lineberry Section B-N/S David and Marty Chakmakian,E/W-Van Vlack/Ann Day.

Announcements: December 4th-Toys for Tots \$8 or more value toy gains you free admission; **December 6th-CLUB CLOSED;** **December 8th-December 13th**-STaC Games; **December 17th**-Allan Graham Memorial Game; **December 21st**-Charity Game; **December 22nd**-Holiday Party, **December 29th** -Membership Game. We will be **CLOSED** on **December 25th** for Christmas and **November 27th** for Thanksgiving. Adobe's mentor program is in full swing with 30 mentors and mentees; all seem to be enjoying and learning. Our Food Bank drive is in full swing and will continue through the Holidays-non perishable food items are greatly appreciated as the Food Bank is in dire straits this year. Adobe has contributed much money to Casa De La Luz Hospice, Send a Kid to Camp and the Food Bank.

"I'd like a review of the bidding with all the original inflections".

Hugh Kelsey



Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

By Doris Kuzmak

High Percentage Games for the Month:

66.55 Russ Stowers & Franz Schatz



Las Candelas Bridge Club

By Mary Dixon

Master Point Winners Over 1250:

(14.83) Jean Montague; (14.00) Dave Douglass; (11.35) Don O'Bryan; (8.39) B. Robert Simrak; (8.08) Emmanuel Vuvunas. **65% Games:** (70.08) Shakti Routh-Dave Douglass, (68.75) Fran Hill-Ray Call, (67.90) Ralph Chiodo-Lou Ann Chiodo, (67.67) Syril Ellison-Diane Barstad, (67.06) Jill Berger-Jane Wienke, (66.65) Diana Humphreys-Muriel Budzien, (67.05) Fran Hill-Ray Call, (66.35) Del Rieschick-Rodney Letts, (65.88) Bob Brussel-Ed Helpert, (65.74) Mary Letts-Rodney Letts, (65.43) Joan Merrill-A. Karlin, (65.28) Ed Temple-Liz Leggett, (65.10) Jo Ann Aiken-Barbara Feeley.

Club Championships: October 3-(1) Dave Douglass-Shakti Routh, (2) Joan Coil-Lois Beyer, (3) Tony Dare-Irma Ashley; October 20-(1) Ralph & Lou AnnChiodo-(2) Jo Ann Aiken-Barbara Feeley, (3) Bengt Bjernfalk-Wagner Van Vlack.

Club Appreciation Championships:

October 6-(1) Fran Hill-Ray Call, (2) Bob Brussel-Ed Helpert, (3) Jo Ann Aiken-Barbara Feeley; October 9 (1) NancyCo-Louise Geare, (2) Catherine Esquivel-Jim Kennedy, (3/4) Rick Rohrich-Janet Rohrich, (3/4) Don O'Bryan-Marian Wilson; October 14 (1) Emmanuel Vuvunas-Russell Stowers, (2) Ray Grady-Jean Montague, (3) Don O'Bryan-Mary Dixon; October 22 Open-(1) Shakti Routh-Dave Douglass, (2) Raymond Grady-Reginald Graves, (3) Janet Rohrich-Rick Rohrich; October 22 -299rs- (1) Jill Berger-Jane Wienke, (2) Ann Wolbach-Anita Weiss, (3) A. Karlin-Joan Merrill; October 22 Evening-(1) Ed Temple-Elizabeth Leggett, (2) Alan Ravitz-Evonne Ravitz, (3) Sunand Bal-Wagner Van Vlack; October 31-(1) Steve Lang-Judson Jones, (2) Glenda Chambers-Muriel Budzien, (3) B. Robert Simrak-Fran Hammond.

Announcements: We will have new Strats for our players: Strat A is 1250+, Strat B is 500-1250 and Strat C is 0-500. Club Championships will be held **December 4** and **December 16**. **December 7** is Birthday Friday. We will hold a Holiday Cookie Exchange on **December 18**. We will hold STaC games every session **December 8-12**. We will be **CLOSED** Christmas Eve, **December 24** and Christmas Day, **December 25**. We will be open all sessions on **December 31st**. We will have a Swiss Team game at 1:00 pm on the fourth Sunday of every month until April, starting January 4, 2009.



Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

By Chris Hasney

Masters of the Month: Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith had two big games, 66.20% and 67.40%; with Elaine Kiefer and Don Hard, at 68.00% and Katy Vaughn and George Willis at 66.00%.

Big games: Marc Hay took 1st place AND non-Life Master of the Month honors for October, earning a whopping 10.55 masterpoints. Katy Vaughn earned 9.78 to take the Life Master of the Month honors. This may be the first time in recorded history that a non-Life Master bested a Life Master for top honors in a month.



Green Valley Bridge Club

By Catherine Clark

65% Games: Frank Giuffreda - Benita Nelson; Emmanuel Vuvanas - Russ Stowars; Darlene - Rollie Armacost; Joyce - Larry Freer; Donna Pasley - Val Armentrout; Lorraine Vonk - Emmanuel Vuvanas; Mary and Bob Baptist; Joan and Gene Opinante; Mike Cregg - Benita Nelson; Joan and Gene Opinante.

49ers: 65% Games: Dorothy - Vern Ebert

High score of month: Lorraine Vonk - Emmanuel Vuvanas (69.91); Emmanuel Vuvanas - Russ Stowars (69.11), Mary and Bob Baptist (68.29); Donna Pasley - Val Armentrout (68.28); Joyce - Larry Freer (67.3)

Club Championship: Club Appreciation, 6 October: 1. Benita Nelson - Frank Giuffreda; 2. Ted Walden - Chris Martin; 3. Myra DeByle - Russ Stowars. 9 October: N/S: 1. Al Bowman - Brenda Sonderegger; 2. Val Armentrout - Frank Giuffreda; E/W: 1. Ted Fones - Franz Schatz; 2. Ted Kurrus - Ernie Perkins. 10 October: 1. Emmanuel Vuvanas - Russ Stowars; 2. Mary - Bob Baptist; 3. Mary Jo Simmon - JoAnne Day. Club Appreciation Swiss: 1. Sue - Dave Sachs. Sandra - Marc Low; 2. Al Bowman, Ron Payne, Mary - Bob Baptist. Unit wide: Section B: N/S: 1. Donna Pasley - Val Armentrout; 2. Dodie Bowler - Joanne Franson; 3. Marty Allen - Jeff Blake; E/W: 1. Sue and Dave Sachs; 2. Ted Walden - Ted Fones; 3. Greg Roth - Richard Lindquist. Section D: 1. Mary and Bob Baptist; 2. Pat Barce - John Arnold; 3. Russ Stowars - Lorraine Vonk; E/W 1/. Frank Giuffreda - Franz Schatz; 2. Linda Miller - Emmanuel Vuvanas; 3. Mary Jo Simon - Ernie Perkins



Mountain View Bridge Club

By Ron Morris

60% Games: We had nine sessions in October. Pairs who had better than 60% games include: JoAnn Aiken & Darlene Barstad; Marian Rogge & Vicki Hanson; Diana McGinn & Roberta Goldstein; Susan Hagerty & Betty Meyer; Donna & Gene DePesa; Marian Rogge & Marie Heald; Marian Rogge & JoAnn Aiken; Loretta Wood & Marie Heald; Darwin & Kay Afdahl; and Craig & Lynda Saunders (twice). In addition, Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser and Darwin & Kay Afdahl had 70% games. Well done by all.

Unit Game Results

November 2 — (15 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Ramona Bruce - Fran Herrmann
2. John Halverson - Margaret Halverson
3. Betty Lutz - Marie Heald

Flight B—Overall

1. John Halverson - Margaret Halverson
2. Sunand Bal - Wagner Van Vlack
3. Julia Sherman - Bob Felicetti

Flight C—Overall

1. Joan Coil - Jeannette Hallquist
2. David Stewart - William Schelstrate
3. Alan Ravitz - Evonne Ravitz



High Desert Hands

By Carol Lee Erbeck

On November 7, Mabel Kadet and Jim Martin scored an amazing 75% game during the High Desert Hands weekly game. Even though the club is incredibly small, this was quite an achievement. Congratulations Mabel and Jim!

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Griffin, Patrica Hall, Rose Koehler, Janet Parkes and Jeanne Paul



Congratulations On The Recent Rank Advances



Junior Master: Sharon Baker, Judiith Chaffee, Norma Griffin, Donna Moser, Kathy Parker and Nancy Rue

Club Master: Jerrold Joffe, Janet Kelm and Barbara Soehnlen

Sectional Master: Margaret Curvin and John Purdy

Regional Master: Faith Alster, Kay Coombs, Richard Quigg, Peggy Rosenblum, Eileen Sherlock and Barbara Stone

NABC Master: Joseph Rosenbaum

Life Master: Gerry Brenner and Betty Griffis

Bronze Life Master: Lois Odenweller

Silver Life Master: Patricia Keyser and Maria Morris

In Memoriam

Pat Benz

Barbara's Lesson—By Barbara Feeley

During the middle of a hand you may find it necessary to lead when you have no good idea what lead is best: you don't hold the setting tricks, partner has not signaled or you have no cards in partner's choice of suits to lead, and no lead is obvious. It is such a time when the following ditty may prove useful:

When the dummy's on the left, lead through left.

When the dummy's on the right, lead the weakest suit in sight.

The reasoning behind the verse is that your partner will be in position to make the most intelligent play after the opponent with strength in each suit. When dummy is on the right, you'll be leading through imagined strength in declarer's hand. Perhaps partner has an honor that can be used judiciously. When dummy is on the left, we can only hope that declarer has a weak suit, and partner will be playing behind the strong dummy cards. As always, poetry does not replace thinking!

Unit 356 has a wonderful opportunity to teach bridge to students in the Catalina Foothills School district. Many cities and school districts forbid this type of program but we have made a connection through Kim Lurie (a bridge player and teacher) to be able to enrich children's lives through bridge. We need 3 or 4 volunteers. All materials will be furnished by the ACBL. Programs will begin after January 1, 2009. Think of the joy you can add to these lucky student's lives by giving a few hours of your time. Please contact Barbara Rosenthal if you are interested - (520) 331-9444.

Happy Birthday to our
December Friends

Astrological Signs— Sagittarius
and Capricorn

Birthstone—Blue Topaz

*"A diplomat is a man who always
remembers a woman's
birthday but never remembers her
age".*

- Robert Frost

107 Chances to play bridge in
Southern Arizona



Unit Wide Championship

October 17, 2008

Flight A

1. Donna Pasley - Val Armentrout
2. Mary Letts - Rodney Letts
3. Ann Day - Wagner Van Vlack

Flight B

1. Mary Letts - Rodney Letts
2. Ann Day - Wagner Van Vlack
3. Marc R Hay - Larry Scott

Flight C

1. Pat Barce - John Arnold
2. Joan Merrill - Diana McGinn
3. Diane Lowell - James Overacker

Bridge Tip of the Month:

*When the round has been
called and you are behind,
make an effort to move the
boards you have finished.*

*Conversely, if the round has
not been called, don't move
until the director has
indicated and do not ask
for boards.*

Sunday Swiss Teams October 19, 2008

1. Vernon Forster - Diane Lowell - Sunand Bal - B. Robert Simrak
2. Walter Mann - Darwin Afdahl - Kay Afdahl - Joseph Rosenbaum
3. Don O'Bryan - Shirley Soucek - Arlene Hansen - Lionel Larriva
4. Mary Dixon - Karen Berry - Jean Montague - Patty Kruse

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<http://district17news.com> - Schedules for District 17 Regionals, Sectionals & Events

<http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com> - Official Unit 356 website

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WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Barbara Rosenthal, Club Manager) 3727 E Blackledge—795-2441 http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/	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 members.cox.net/gvbridge		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 carol@crazyedoptical.com						12:00p	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sonny Bal, Manager)—696-9101 401 E. Limberlost www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com		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 Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			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 & times</i>						
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager)—625-4027 or 237-1959—600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church — dldkay@cox.net							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—December 2008 (Write a Friend Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				CC LC Toys for Tots A	B LC Sectional (Scottsdale)	Club Closed A Sectional (Scottsdale)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sectional (Scottsdale) Pearl Harbor Day	STaC (Local Clubs)	STaC (Local Clubs)	STaC (Local Clubs) Human Rights Day	STaC (Local Clubs)	STaC (Local Clubs)	STaC (Local Clubs)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Unit Game & STaC X-mas Pot Luck A 1:00PM STaC (Local)	Bill of Rights Day	CC LC	Memorial Game A	Bake Cookies Day		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CG A Winter Begins	Party A Chanukah		Club Closed LC	Club Closed A & LC Christmas	Kwanzaa	
28	29	30	31			
	MG A			Happy New Year		

Abbreviations: A—Adobe, LC—Las Candelas, MV—Mountain View, QH—Queen of Hearts, S—Saguaro, TM—Thunder Mountain
 B—Birthdays, CAC—Club Appreciation Championship, CC—Club Championship, CG—Charity Game, MAG—Member Appreciation Game, NLM—Non Life Master, IN—Intermediate / Novice, UWC—Unit Wide Championship