

the Desert Kibitzer



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Unit 356



June 2008

This Months Events

June 6-8
Sectional (Durango)

June 7
WW Bridge Contest
(Local Clubs)

June 15
Unit Game
(Adobe) 1:00 PM
June 20-22
Sectional (Albuquerque)

June 27-29
Sectional (Prescott)

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

Welcome
New
Members
Terry Chick
Barbie Corbett
Linda Fitzsimmons
Pamela Flint
Rudolf Martine
Robert Murray
Sandra Schmidt

Monthly Master Point Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000
(14.21) Michael Smith; (11.55) Carol Pilmar; (9.15) Shan Warrick; (6.60) Art Warrick; (5.55) Sydney Kaye;
Master Point Winners Over 1000
(19.70) Ken Badertscher; (18.08) Ajit Bhattacharyya; (17.82) Percy Brown; (14.42) George Good; (13.31) Naomi Smith;

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners
Ron Payne (7.96), Joanne Fransons, Shelton Howland, Ramona Bruce, Robert Baptist, Mary Baptist, Robert Wharton, Ted Fones, Mike Cregg, Emmanuel Vuvunas (4.95)

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 300
(13.33) Walter Mann, (4.98) Judson Jones, (3.80) Roberta Kauss, (3.41) Joseph Bianco, (3.36) Tim Donovan
Master Point Winners 300—1000
(16.70) Wagner Van Vlack, (10.02) Shakti Routh, (8.13) Muriel Budzien, (5.56) Avice Bosse,

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners
A: (3.85) Bob Stotts; (3.45) Jo Ann Aiken; (2.91) Roy Aiken
B: (2.75) Vicki Hanson; (2.05) Steve Dorse; (1.77) Diane Lowell

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners
(4.55) Lois Beyer; (4.17) Sunand Ball, Eric Swanson, Kay Coombs & Nancy Porterfield; (3.13) Jane Brownlee; (2.35) Margret Salazar, Lorraine Vonk, Christie & Gene McDougall; (2.30) Jim & Shelton Howland

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners
Paul Soper (4.63), Margarete Gallaer, Larry Scott, Shirley Cole, Donna Anderson, George Willis, Kaye Dean, Joyce Davis, Dick Turke, and Katy Vaughn (3.20)

Special Congratulations

Top Percentage Games for the Month
(75.46) Shakti Routh & Ajit Bhattacharya; (74.54) Dick Friedman & Anne Roberts
(71.88) Martha Baron & Arlene Zuckerman; (70.00) Marie Heald & Darlene Barstad

Recent Rank Advances

Junior Master: Kelly Bright and
Marlene Stearns
Club Master: Claire Colgan and
Betty Meyer
Regional Master: Eric Singer
NABC Master: Bettina Thompson
Life Master: Earl Terp
Silver Life Master: Chi Newman
Gold Life Master: Eric Swanson



Unit 356 Wants You

Unit 356 is looking for a Hospitality Chairman. The main focus of this position is to co-ordinate snacks and refreshments for the unit games. You do not need to be a cook/chef or even like food to take on this responsibility. Please contact any current Board Member if you are interested.

Adobe Bridge Club

By Barbarbra Rosenthal

Best Games: (71.88) Martha Baron/Arlene Zuckerman; (65.54) Mike Smith/Percy Brown; (67.96) Mike Levy/Martin Schiff; (67.08) Edmond Pannelley/Charles Crosby; (65.57) Lois Jameson/Ken Badertscher; (68.91) Phyllis and Lou Herbster; (66.85) Syd Kaye/George Good; (67.26) Sarah Nicewander/Nancy Stewart; (66.44) Ajit Bhattacharyya/Marty Schiff; (66.67) James Green/Percy Brown; (66.03) Greg West/George Good.

Club Championships: April 14: N/S - Maria Morris/Martin Schiff, Jr.; E/W - Mike Smith/Percy Brown. April 22: N/S - Ellie Cochran/Jeri Garvin; E/W - Herbsters x 2. April 30: Membership Game - N/S - Rita Smith/Naomi Smith; E/W - Russ Stowers/Bob Johnston.

Announcements: The Adobe donated to 'Send a Kid to Camp', Casa de la Luz Hospice, and the Food Bank in April. Club Championships will be—June 4th, 13th and 24th. A Membership Game (triple points) June 19th. Saturday June 7th, will be WORLDWIDE BRIDGE CONTEST, \$15 a pair with Analysis Book included. June 11th and June 16th will be NAP Qualifier Days. Bridge lessons Tuesdays 9:30-11:30—pre-made hands \$5.00 per session. No reservation necessary. Beginner to Advanced. A very special THANK YOU to Percy Brown for painting our tables. Great job.

Mountain View Bridge Club

By Ron Morris

60% + Games: Henry Langeman & Robert Brussel, Barbara Feeley & Jo Ann Aiken, Bob Stotts & Ed Anderson, Syrile Ellison & Barb Feeley, Craig & Lynda Saunders, Darlene Barstad & Jo Ann Aiken, Bob Stotts & Roy Aiken, Pat Kotten & Sharon Wyles, Darvin & Kay Afdahl, Michelle Werley & Vicki Hanson. In addition, Marie Heald & Darlene Barstad had a 70% game! Well done to all.

Announcements: We will hold eight sessions in June including a Club Championship on Friday the 13th. (Let's hope this is not an unlucky day!) Regular games on other days.

Green Valley Bridge Club

By Catherine Clark

65% Games: 65%: George Schild - Ted Kurrus; Ron Payne - Russ Stowers; Franz Schatz - Bob Wharton; Emmanuel Vuvanas - Bill Hackbarth; Fran Herrmann - Franz Schatz; Jo Morrison - Sue Walsh.

Club Championships: ACBL Charity Game:
1. Joanne Franson - Shelton Howland (67.8);
2. Greg Roth - Dick Grannis (65.91);
3. Gail Meyer - Linda Miller

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

By Doris Kuzmak

65% Games: Sunand Bal & Eric Swason: 65.84%

Club Championships: ACBL Charity Game
Results: 4/19/08; 1st Overall: Kay Coombs & Nancy Porterfield, 2nd Overall: Margret Salazar & Lorraine Vonk; 3rd Overall: Fran Herrmann & Franz Schatz
LOCAL Charity Game (GV Food Bank) Results:
4/26/08: 1st Overall: Sunand Bal & Eric Swanson;
2nd Overall: Lois Beyer & Joan Brownlee;
3rd Overall: Christie & Gene McDougall

Announcements: Don't forget the World Bridge Contest on June 7. Entries are \$15.00 a pair. Hand records and analyses. There will be Wine and Cheese after the session!!! A special charity game to benefit the Green Valley Community Food Bank was held on April 26. During the month of April the Feinstein Foundation matches dollar- for -dollar any donations made for hunger organizations. Every dollar in cash donations to the GV Community Food Bank equals \$9.00 in food goods. Saguaro DBC players and the club raised \$200.00 for this effort. The dollar-for-dollar match by the Feinstein Foundation equals \$400.00 cash--the total food goods will equal \$3600.00!!! A huge THANK YOU to our generous players for this accomplishment.

*"When I take a
50—50 chance, I
expect it to come off 8
or 9 times out of 10"*

Hideous Hog



Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

By Chris Hasney

Silver Life Master Paul Soper won Life Master of the month for April. Non Life Master of the month was Kaye Dean. Charlie Comeau and Marc Hay posted April's only 65%+ game with a 66.30.

Announcements: The last Friday of every month is our Birthday Pot Luck. This month it will be June 27.

Las Candelas Bridge Club

By Mary Dixon

Master Point Winners Over 1000: (14.30) Dave Douglass, (13.00) Eric Swanson, (6.84) Jo Ann Aiken, (6.71) Nona Dale, (5.94) Mary Dixon. **65% Games:** (75.46) Shakti Routh-Ajit Bhattacharya; (74.54) Dick Friedman-Anne Roberts; (66.41) Lennie Miller-Tom Miller; (66.16) Darlene Barstad-Marilyn Hanson; (65.87) Dave Douglass-Wagner Van Vlack; (65.63) Reggie Graves-Ray Grady; (65.28) Martie Mecom-Marian Conway; (65.22) Eric Swanson-Sunand Bal.

Club Championships: Friday, April 18: (1) Walt Mann-Eric Swanson; (2) Ed French-Jennifer Hageman; (3) Muriel Budzien-Glenda Chambers; (4) Dave Douglass-Shakti Routh; Monday, April 28: (1) Wagner Van Vlack-Shakti Routh; (2) Eric Swanson-Walt Mann; (3) Darlene Barstad-Melvin Norvelle; (4) Adele Fox-Doris Whaley.

Announcements: Birthday Friday - June 6—10:00 am. Club Championships will be Tuesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 19. NAP Qualifiers will be Wednesday, June 11, Open, 299'er and Evening, Tuesday, June 17, Monday, June 23 and Friday, June 27.

"Bad Ken's Scars from the Trenches"

When we have STaC games, you can always count on random hands--hahaha says my friend Larry. I think the random generator had been fed something strange. Good news is that it gives us the opportunity for a tip. I held ♠AQx, ♥A, ♦xx and ♣AKQJxxx. Just your random 2♣ opener if you are so inclined. Partner bid 2♦'s showing at least a K and I bid 3♣'s, partner bid 3♥'s. Now what. I never like to pass 3 NT at matchpoints so I bid 3♠'s. Partner bid 3 NT. I would like to bid a slam but which one. On a bad day, 3 NT may be enough but on a STaC day who knows. I decided to bid 6♣'s. Well, here is partner's hand--♠Jx, ♥10xxxx, ♦AKQx and ♣xx. Let's look at it from partner's side. When partner opens 2♣'s and you play 2♦'s waiting or showing a K or better you bid 2♦'s. If partner bids a suit, in this case 3♣'s, what should you bid. I think 3♦'s stands out--why because that is your strength. If you belong in ♥'s, partner can still bid 3♥'s. This is the only chance you will get to show partner your strength. Bad Ken guessed wrong on STaC day. I bid 6♣'s instead of 6 NT. Moral-when partner has a very strong hand he will usually be captain of the auction when it comes to deciding where to play the hand. Your best bid is to show partner your strength rather than your length. Partner will have to decide where to play and if you send the right information, he will know what to do.



Unit 356 Wants You

The Unit 356 Board presently has an opening that needs to be filled. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, please contact any current Board member Prior to June 10, 2008. The board will vote at the June meeting and select a replacement.

Happy Birthday to our
June Friends
Astrological Signs—Gemini
and Cancer
Birthstone—Pearl
89 Chances is play Bridge in
Southern Arizona
"If we could be twice young
and twice old we could cor-
rect all our mistakes."
Euripides

Unit Game Results May 4 —(22.5 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Barbara Dever & Marian Wilson
2. Ann Day & Nona Dale
3. Jeffrey Lesser & Sheila Lesser

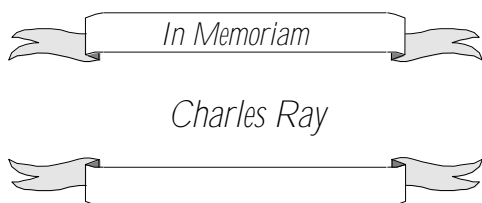
Flight B—Overall

1. Barbara Dever & Marian Wilson
2. Dick Augur & Marilyn Augur
3. Chris Hasney & Jerry Pottier, Jr

Flight C—Overall

1. Nancy Holt & Mary Blanchard
2. Pamela Thaut & Joan Merrill

Speeding up play. "Once you remove your cards from the board, turn your brain switch from 'nice, friendly' to 'business, friendly'. You are ready to concentrate on the game. Remove and count your cards promptly."



On July 13th, at the Two Session Game, Ken Badertscher will be giving a lecture on Counting.

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: Prudi Cain ♥ VICE PRESIDENT: Julie Abrahams ♥ TREASURER: Christie McDougall ♥ SECRETARY: Jan Miller ♥ TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Paul Moore ♥ ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Bob Simrak ♥ DISTRICT 17 REP: Gene McDougall ♥ CONDUCT & ETHICS: Jan Miller, Marge Curvin and Brenda Sonderegger ♥ IN LIAISON: Brenda Sonderegger ♥ IN REPRESENTATIVE: Marge Curvin ♥ PUBLICITY: Julie Abrahams and Marge Curvin ♥ KIBITZER: Julie Abrahams ♥ CLUB MANAGER: Bob Simrak ♥ HOSPITALITY: Steve Reynolds ♥ MEMBERSHIP: Rosemary Brophy ♥ EDUCATION: Kenneth Badertscher ♥ PARTNERSHIPS: Betty Compton ♥ BYLAWS: Bob Simrak ♥ CADDY MASTER: Brenda Sonderegger

WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Barbara Rosenthal, Club Manager) 3727 E Blacklidge— <u>795-2441</u> 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)— <u>648-1781</u> 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)— <u>559-7894</u> carol@crazyedoptical.com						12:00p	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sonny Bal, Manager)— <u>696-9101</u> 401 E. Limberlost www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com		12:30p	12:30p Open	12:30p 299'r & Open 6:30p	12:30p Open Handicap	10:00a Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)— <u>818-1727</u> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			1:00p		1:00p	1:00p	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club (James Richhart, Manager)— <u>744-4212</u> 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)— <u>625-4027</u> or <u>237-1959</u> —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— <u>803-9564</u> or <u>432-3883</u>		12:30p		12:30p	6:30p	12:30p	

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE—June 2008 (Candy Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
	National Bubba Day		CC A		Birthdays LC Sectional (Durango) D-Day	WW Bridge Contest (Local Clubs) Sectional (Durango)
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Sectional (Durango)		CC LC	NAP Qualifier A, LC		CC A, MV	
Best Friends Day						Flag Day
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Unit Game 1:00 pm A	NAP Qualifier A	NAP Qualifier LC		Membership Game A CC LC	Sectional (Albuquerque)	Sectional (Albuquerque) Summer Solstice
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
Sectional (Albuquerque)	NAP Qualifier LC	CC A		Forgiveness Day	NAP Qualifier LC Birthdays TM Sectional (Prescott)	Sectional (Prescott)
June 29	June 30					
Sectional (Prescott)	Meteor Day					

Abbreviations: AD – Adobe, MV – Mountain View, TM – Thunder Mountain, LC – Las Candelas, OH – Queen of Hearts, S – Saguaro
CC – Club Championship, CAC – Club Appreciation Championship, NLM – Non Life Master, IN – Intermediate /Novice