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Desert Kibitzer



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Unit 356



October 2008

This Months Events

October 3-5

Sectional (Phoenix)

October 6-12

Regional (Colorado Springs)

October 12

Annual Meeting

Unit Game

(Adobe—12:30PM)

October 17

Unit Wide Champ

(Local Clubs)

October 17-19

Sectional (Pueblo)

October 19

Pro/Am Swiss

(Adobe)

October 24-26

Sectional (Taos)

October 30-Nov 2

Sectional (Mesa)

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

Monthly Master Point Winners

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Al Bowman (5.73), Ted Fones, Franz Schatz, Vomce Fragomeni, Brenda Sonderegger, Warren Fuesz, Bob Wharton, Ray Austin, Ted Kurrus, Val Armentrout (2.96)

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(5.66) Paul Yantz; (5.41) Jacqueline Gillette; (4.15) Bettina Thompson; (3.98) Joe Rosenbaum; (3.56) Jim Lossel

Master Point Winners 500—1000

(7.87) Karen Swanberg; (7.19) Sunand Bal; (6.81) Wagner Van Vlack; (5.48) Joe Morella; (4.90) Jim Richart

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

A: (3.13) Barbara Feeley; (3.11) Darwin Afdahl and (3.11) Kay Afdahl.
B: (1.98) Adair Karlin; (1.57) Ann Kuperberg and (1.33) Richard Quigg

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(4.00) Lois Beyer & Connie Jewett; (3.84) Marty and Mary Ann Allen; (3.77) Val Armentrout

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

Paul Soper (10.12), Katy Vaughn, Dick Turke, Margarete Gallaer, Jessie King, Edna Parnell, Diana Smith, Don Hard, Peggy Wilder, and Joyce Davis (3.98)



Special Congratulations

Top Percentage Games for the Month

(74.22) Vince Fragomeni & Ted Fones; (73.09) Lois Jameson & Ken Badertscher; (72.72) Connie Whithead & Larry De Lucia; (71.67) Al Bpwmn & Bob Wharton; (71.88) Mary & Bob Baptist; (70.35) Mike Levy & Marty Schiff (70.13) Al Bowman & Bill Barkley .

Life Master Requirement Changes

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. Requirements will be 50 gold, 50 red/gold, 75 silver and 75 black. The old requirements will stay in effect for all members that stay current on their dues.



Adobe Bridge Club
By Barbarbra Rosenthal

Best Games: (73.09) Lois Jameson/Ken Badertscher; (72.72) Connie Whitehead/Larry De Lucia;(70.35) Mike Levy/Marty Schiff;(69.56) Carolyn and Steve Reynolds;(69.45) Dee Overton/Fran Herrman;(69.39) Bob Simrak/Marty Schiff;(69.07) Percy Brown/Jo Billeter;(68.11) George Good/Bob Simrak;(67.36) Ginny Alexander/Ken Badertscher;(66.99) Marty Schiff/Larry Dunham;(66.63) Randy Mandigo/Dane Lindermuth;(66.42) Brian McCarthy/Bob Simrak;(66.19) Valorie Ackerman/Naomi Smith;(66.09) George Good/Dev De Lucia;(65.51) Nicolai Minenko/David Rinehart;(65.51) Lou Herbster/Larry Dunham;(65.38) Jo Billeter/Pat Barnes;(65.06) Jan Miller/Percy Brown.

Announcements: Adobe is having a new non-life master game on Thursdays at 12:30pm. There will be 2 Club Appreciation games in October, a pairs game on Thursday, **October 2nd** along with the NLM Club Appreciation Game - mucho points. Also there will be a Club Appreciation Team Game on Tuesday, **October 7th**. Birthday cake day is Tuesday, **October 14th**. There will be a Unit Wide Championship game on Friday, **October 17th**. Adobe will hold a Charity Game to benefit the Food Bank on Monday, **October 20th** with no extra fee charged-just more points. We will be hosting a Halloween Party on Friday, **October 31st**.

"Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people"
Ian Truscott



Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club
By Doris Kuzmak

Announcements: The game on October 4th will be in the Vulliamy Room (due to a Parish event in the Parish Hall). There is a limit of 13 tables. We suggest you sign up for this session.



Thunder Mountain Bridge Club
By Chris Hasney

High Scores: (68.20%) was achieved by Margarete Gallaer and Dick Turke. Gallaer also had big games playing with Larry Scott (65.60%) and again with Turke (65.20%). Other pairs turning in big games were Jessie King and Edna Parnell - (66.90%), Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith - (65.40%) and the Katy Vaughn/Paul Soper duo (67.20%).

Masters of the Month: Paul Soper and Katy Vaughn placed 1st and 2nd in the Life Master of the Month race for August. Keith Stearns topped the Non-Life Master category.



Las Candelas Bridge Club
By Mary Dixon

Master Point Winners Over 1000:

(10.83) Dave Douglass; (10.70) Jean Montague; (8.71) Diana Humphreys; (8.24) Mary Dixon; (7.28) Eric Swanson.

65% Games: (67.63) Dick Augur-Wagner Van Vlack; (67.08) Jo Ann Aiken-Dave Douglass; (66.56) Rodney Letts-Mary Letts; (66.50) Eric Singer and Susan Singer.

Club Championships:

Wednesday afternoon **August 13th** Open;

(1) John Antliff-Dave Douglass; (2) Tony Dare-Paul Yantz; (3) Eric Swanson-Rodney Letts; (4) Jean Montague-Patricia Barnes: Wednesday evening

August 13th; (1) Sunand Bal-Wagner Van Vlack; (2) Joe Rosenbaum-Joe Morella; (3) Alan Ravitz-Evonne Ravitz; (4) Ray Grady-Reggie Graves.

Announcements: October is ACBL's Club Appreciation Month - Club Appreciation Championships will be held on Monday **October 6th** in the Open game, Thursday **October 9th** in the Open game, Tuesday **October 14th** in the Open game, Wednesday **October 22nd** in the Open, 299'er and evening games, Friday **October 31st** in the morning game. Birthday Friday will be **October 3rd** at 10:00 a.m. Regular Club Championships will be Friday Morning **October 3rd** and Monday afternoon **October 20th**. Plan ahead: On Thursday, **November 6th**, we will have a "Welcome Back Snowbirds" Pot Luck prior to the game. Look for a sign-up sheet to bring a dish to share.



Green Valley Bridge Club
By Catherine Clark

65% Games: Ted Fones - Vince Fragomeni; Al Bowman - Bill Barkley; Lee Toomey - Mary Anne Allen; Al Bowman - Bob Wharton; Al Bowman - Ted Fones; Brenda Sonderegger - Ray Austin; Ted Fones - Bob Wharton; Franz Schatz - Val Armentrout.

High score of month: (74.22) Vince Fragomeni - Ted Fones; (71.88) Mary and Bob Baptist; (71.67) Al Bpwman - Bob Wharton; (70.13) Al Bowman - Bill Barkley .

Club Championship: 8/4: N/S: 1. Ted Fones - Vince Fragomeni; 2. Lorraine Vonk- Ron Payne; 3. Rosemary Brophy - Joanne Franson; E/W: 1. Joan Schild - Bob Wharton; 2. Ted Blomquist - Mary Jo Simmon; 3. Brenda Sonderegger - Marty Allen; 8/7: N/S: 1. Bill Barkley - Al Bowman; 2. Ted Kurrus - Ernie Perkins; E/W: 1. Mary and Bob Baptist; Ray Austin - Ramona Bruce. 8/8: A:N/S: 1. Al. Bowman - Bob Wharton; 2. Lorraine Ray - Barbara Ogden; 3. Jeff Blake - Gayle Fitzgerald; E/W: 1. Sue and Dave Sachs; 2. Dick Grannis - Greg Roth; 3. Shelton Howland - Jean James D; N/S: 1. Bill Barkley - Ted Fones; 2. Ron Payne - Lee Peterson; 3. Joanne Franson - Lorraine Bothwell; E/W: 1. Lynn Hawbacker - Kay Coombs; 2. Dee Overton - Fran Herrmann; 3. Vince Fragomeni- Sallhy Payne. 49ers: N/S: 1. Edith Hawkins - Dorothy Elliott; 2. Sydney and George Skeels; 3. Lillian Kenelly - Jane Weldon; E/W: 1. Mary and John Ziegelbauer; 2. Lee Reid - Mary Calhoun; 3. Malou Nelson - Lois Hoppe'. 49ers: Jane Weldon - Lois Nottingham



Mountain View Bridge Club
By Ron Morris

60% Games: Robert Brussel & Blanche Waldstreicher; Jo Ann & Roy Aiken; Ann Hinge & Barbara Feeley; Ann Kuperberg & Diana McGinn; Jo Ann Aiken & Robert Brussel; Jo Ann Aiken & Barbara Feeley; Adair Karlin & Selma Unger; Loretta Wood & Marie Heald; Darvin & Kay Afdahl (two times); Donna & Gene DePesa (4 times).

Announcements: We conduct duplicate bridge games on Tuesday and Friday of each week in the Desert-View 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. October is Club Appreciation Month for us. We will hold nine sessions in October with a Unit Wide Championship on the **17th** and a Club Championship on the **28th**. We will have a Welcome Back Party, in honor of the Snowbirds, on the **28th** in the RoadRunner Grill following the bridge game in DesertView.

Unit Game Results

September 7th — (20 1/2 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. George Good & Larry Dunham
2. Christie & Eugene McDougall
3. Alan & Evonne Ravitz

Flight B—Overall

1. Christie & Eugene McDougall
2. Alan & Evonne Ravitz
3. Dick & Marilyn Augur

Flight C—Overall

1. Alan & Evonne Ravitz
2. Joan Merrill & Adair Karlin

Welcome New Members

Cathy Currier
Shirley Wicklund



Congratulations On The Recent Rank Advances



Junior Master: Uta Antony, Jerrold Joffe and Thomas Ungar

Club Master: Robert Reiersen

Sectional Master: Carol Erbeck

Regional Master: Joan Merrill

NABC Master: James Overacker, Lenore Toomey and Wagner Van Vlack

Life Master: Rao Bollimpalli

Bronze Life Master: Ronald Smith, Katy Vaughn and Michelle Werley

Silver Life Master: Edward Helpert

The Rule of 8

Since the main factor in deciding to make an overcall is the distributional feature of the hand, the point count becomes less important. When deciding to employ the Rule of Eight, **the player first subtracts the number of “losing tricks” from the total number of cards contained in the two longest suits.** The concept is based upon the result. **If the subtraction results in a number of 2 or more, then the player should decide to compete and make an overcall. If the subtracted number is less than 2, then the player should not make an overcall, but rather defend.** The hand should hold at least **6 points.** It is from this number of minimum values that the designation for this particular rule is derived. A minimum of 6 points plus the maximum difference of 2 equals the number 8, hence the Rule of Eight. The following examples assist in clarifying this concept: ♠AQ873, ♥K63, ♦85, ♣K94. The total number of Losing Tricks is 7. The total number of the cards in the two longest suits equals 8. Subtract 7 from 8 and the number equals 1. The player, according to the guidelines of the Rule of Eight, should not overcall. The player holding this hand should actively defend. ♠K8653, ♥K8754, ♦K85, ♣4. The second example holds only 6 points whereas the first example holds 12 points. However, in the second example the number of Losing Tricks equals 7, as in the first example, but the total number of the cards in the two longest suits equals 10. Subtract 7 from 10 and the number equals 3. The player, according to the guidelines of the Rule of Eight, should overcall. The player holding this hand should actively compete.

Happy Birthday to our
October Friends
Astrological Signs—Libra and
Scorpio
Birthstone—Opal
*“Men are like wine. Some turn to
vinegar, but the best improve with
age”*
C.E.M. Joad
107 Chances to play bridge in
Southern Arizona

Book Signing

Chi Newman would like to share her memoirs “Farewell, My Beijing—*The Long Journey from China to Tucson*” with her friends. Join her for a book signing at Adobe Bridge Club on October 22nd at 11:30AM and at Las Candelas on October 30th at 11:30AM. She will be baking Chinese Almond Cookies and Chocolate Pecan Cookies.

In Memoriam

Allen Myers

Help Needed

Betty Compton is looking for people to help her part time at the partnership desk for the Regional in November. If you are willing to help, please contact her at (520) 318-4546 or Compcat@copper.net. You may also contact Ginny Alexander at (520) 825-2853 or Chasvirga@att.net.



Bridge Tip of the Month.
Traveler Etiquette: Be sure everyone at the table has seen the traveler before it is returned to the board.
During play, place the traveler in the empty board—this helps keep the wrong traveler from being looked at.

Elections

Join the Board of Directors. Submit your name, and contact information by October 1, 2008 to Jodi Walker at (520)615-7724 or tooshed1998@yahoo.com. Elections will be held in November.

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:** Prudy Cain ♥ **VICE PRESIDENT:** Julie Abrahams ♥ **TREASURER:** Christie McDougall ♥ **SECRETARY:** Marge Curvin ♥
TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Barry Abrahams ♥ **TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRMAN:** Bob Simrak ♥ **DISTRICT 17 REP:** Gene McDougall ♥ **CONDUCT & ETHICS:** Bob Simrak and Brenda Sonderegger ♥ **IN REPRESENTATIVE:** Marge Curvin ♥ **PUBLICITY:** Julie Abrahams and Marge Curvin ♥ **KIBITZER:** Julie Abrahams ♥
CLUB MANAGER: Bob Simrak ♥ **HOSPITALITY:** Prudy Cain ♥ **MEMBERSHIP:** Brenda Sonderegger ♥ **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 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—October 2008 (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
				Club Appreciation A	Birthdays LC, Sectional (Phoenix)	Sectional (Phoenix)
October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10	October 11
Sectional (Phoenix) Do Something Nice Day	Club Appreciation LC Regional (Colorado Springs)	Club Appreciation A Regional (Colorado Springs) World Smile Day	Regional (Colorado Springs) Yom Kippur	Club Appreciation LC Regional (Colorado Springs) Fire Prevention Day	Regional (Colorado Springs)	Regional (Colorado Springs)
October 12	October 13	October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17	October 18
Unit Game A 1:00pm Regional (Colorado Springs)	 Columbus Day	Birthday Cake A Club Appreciation LC			Unit Wide Champ (Local Clubs)	 No Beard Day
October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25
Pro/Am Swiss Teams A	CC LC Charity Game A		Club Appreciation LC		Sectional (Taos) United Nations Day	Sectional (Taos)
October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	
Sectional (Taos)	 Navy Day	CC TM	 Hermit Day	Sectional (Mesa)	Club Appreciation LC Halloween Party A Sectional (Mesa)	Nov 1-2 Sectional (Mesa)

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



Fall Classes for Intermediate and Novice Players

Beginning Thursday September 4th 9:30-11:30...Defense

Bob Hinkle...Off Site Location Call...891-4206...For Information

Beginning Tuesday September 9...9:30-11:30...Beginning Bridge

Barbara Rosenthal...Adobe Bridge Club...6 Weeks...\$65.00 Includes Book

New Conventions...Tuesdays...On Going... 9:30-11:30

Bob Simrak...\$5.00 Per Class

Beginning Wednesday September 10...9:30-11:30...Intermediate Bridge

Barbara Rosenthal...Adobe Bridge Club...6 Weeks...\$65.00 Includes Book

Supervised Play...Fridays...9:00-11:00 Dev Del Lucia...\$3.00

Beginning Sunday September 28...10:30-12:30...2/1

Leslie Durkee...Adobe Bridge Club...\$65.00 Includes Book

Stay and Play In The Afternoon Game \$3.00

Knock-Outs For Tournament Play (Designed For Intermediate Players)

Bob Hinkle...Las Candelas Bridge Club ... 9:30-11:30...4 Lessons...\$40.00...Single Lesson \$12.50

October 16.....Game Bidding

October 23.....Slam Bidding

October 30....."Safety Plays"



Annual Meeting

October 12, 2008

Adobe 12:30 PM

Slate of Nominees to Date (4 positions are to be elected)

Barry Abrahams

Kenneth Badertscher

Prudence Cain

Joan Coil

Marge Curvin

Don O'Bryan

Ballots will be mailed out a few days after the meeting

Amendment to the Bylaws to be voted on at the Annual Meeting

The by-laws are being amended to allow any non life master member to fill the position of I/N (Intermediate/Novice) Representative to the Board.

Current wording

ARTICLE V—UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS: The affairs of the Unit shall be managed and conducted by ten Directors, five of whom shall be elected each odd-numbered year, and one appointed annually by the Board from members who have less than 99 masterpoints and meet all of the other eligibility requirements.

Proposed wording

ARTICLE V—UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS: The affairs of the Unit shall be managed and conducted by ten Directors, five of whom shall be elected each odd-numbered year, and one appointed annually by the Board from members **who are Non Life Masters with points fewer than the minimum total points required by the ACBL to become a Life Master.**