

the Desert Kibitzer



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Unit 356



September 2008

This Months Events

Sept 4-7

Sectional (Colorado Springs)

Sept 7

Unit Game
(Adobe—1:00PM)

Sept 11

ACBL Instant MP
(Local Clubs)

Sept 12-14

Sectional
(Prescott and Carlsbad Caverns)

Sept 18-21

Sectional
(Holiday Inn)

Sept 19-21

Sectional (Laramie)

Sept 22-28

Sectional (Las Vegas)

Sept 26-28

Sectional (Las Alamos)

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

(11.18) Carol Pilmar; (8.24) Angelo Cianciotto; (7.10) Valorie Ackerman; (5.80) Wagner Van Vlack; (5.66) Carolyn Reynolds

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(14.61) Naomi Smith; (13.57) Percy Brown; (12.88) Dev De Lucia; (12.75) Martin Schiff; (12.35) Larry De Lucia

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Ted Fones (6.42), Franz Schatz, Joyce Lenz, Marty Allen, Warren Fuesz, Al Bowman, Bill Barkley, Lorraine Vonk, Shelton Howland, Ginny Ahlstrom

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(8.69) Jacqueline Gillette, (5.84) Paul Yantz, (5.27) Judson Jones, (5.06) Glenda Chambers, (5.05) Arline Henman

Master Point Winners 500—1000

(7.10) Karen Swanberg, (5.67) Raymond Grady, (5.00) Wagner Van Vlack, (4.03) Ron Smith, (3.98) Bob Brussel

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

A - (2.83) Bob Brussel and (2.72) Donna & Gene DePesa:

B - (4.35) Dean Frost; (3.94) Vicki Hanson and (2.39) Ann Kuperberg

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(5.40) Lois Beyer; (5.28) Val Armentrout and (4.68) Lorraine Vonk

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

Margarete Gallaer, Don Hard, Katy Vaughn, Peggy Wilder, Diana Smith, Donna Anderson, Paul Soper, Shirley Cole, George Willis, and Dick Turke

Special Congratulations

Top Percentage Games for the Month (**There's something in the air—Wow**)

(77.78) Mike Levy & Marty Schiff; (75.64) Dev De Lucia & Randy Mandigo; (74.10) Margie Dugas &

Don Hard; (73.09) Ken Badertscher & Lois Jameson; (71.10) George Willis & Paul Soper;

(70.83) Walter Mann & Joe Rosenbaum; (70.83) Randy Mandigo & Dane Lindermuth;

(70.39) Shelton Howland & Ted Blomquist; (70.19) Gwen Black & Lillian Mahvi

(70.00) Margie Dugas & Don Hard

You can make a difference in how your unit is run by submitting your name for election to the Board of Directors. Send your name, and contact information by

October 1, 2008 to Jodi Walker at

(520)615-7724 or

toolshed1998@yahoo.com.

Elections will be held in November.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Recent Rank Advances

Junior Master: Barbie Corbett and Arlene Zuckerman

Club Master: Douglas Austin

Regional Master: Elinor Horner

NABC Master: Jo Kervick

Adobe Bridge Club

By Barbarbra Rosenthal

Best Games: (77.78) Mike Levy/Marty Schiff; (75.64) Dev De Lucia/Randy Mandigo; (70.83) Walter Mann/Joe Rosenbaum; (70.83) Randy Mandigo/Dane Lindermath; (68.39) Brian McCarthy/Larry De Lucia; (68.11) George Good/Greg West; (67.16) Lois Jameson/Carol Pilmar; (65.97) Kim Lurie/Pat McGuire; (65.82) Nicolai Minenko/David Rinehart; (65.42) Naomi Smith/Percy Brown; (65.31) Jo Billeter/Naomi Smith; (65.20) Sanford/Linda Newmark

Club Championships: July 3, NAP Qualifier: N/S - Martin Schiff/Mike Levy; E/W George Good/Dev De Lucia. July 9 Charity Game supporting the Food Bank: N/S - Randy Mandigo/Dane Lindenmath; E/W - Percy Brown/Larry De Lucia. July 12 Membership Game: AM - N/S - Sanford /Linda Newmark; E/W - Brian Gersten/Bob Griffin; PM - Ann Day/Percy Brown. July 15 NAP Qualifier - N/S - Ken Badertscher/Carol Pilmar; E/W - Steve/Carolyn Reynolds. July 29 Charity Game supporting the Casa de la Luz Hospice: N/S - Steve Reynolds/Richard Schwartz; E/W Jurgen Kruse/Naomi Smith.

Announcements: Starting Thursday September 11th at 12:30pm there will be a NLM game in addition to the Open game. On Monday, September 1st we will have Labor Day Pie and whipped cream. Friday September 5th will be Membership Game with extra points. Tuesday September 9th is birthday cake day. The club will be closed September 19th – 21st for the Sectional. On Wednesday, September 24th will be a Charity Game for Casa de la Luz Hospice.

Mountain View Bridge Club

By Ron Morris

60% Games: Robert Brussel & Edward Helpert; Jo Ann & Roy Aiken; Sheila Catteraccio & Henry Goldstein; Ann Kuperberg & Dean Frost; Vicki Hanson & Dean Frost; Barbara Feeley & Robert Brussel; Darwin & Kay Afdahl (twice); Donna & Gene DePesa (twice). In addition, Ann Hinge & Jackie Zappia had a 70% game! Well done to all.

Announcements: We will hold eight sessions in September including a Club Championship on Tuesday the September 9th. There will be no game on September 19th because of the Tucson Sectional.

Las Candelas Bridge Club

By Mary Dixon

Master Point Winners Over 1000: (11.11) Jean Montague, (8.53) Dave Douglass, (6.95) Jo Fritz, (6.81) Don O'Bryan, and (6.76) Diana Humphreys

65% Games: (67.50) Sunand Bal-Wagner Van Vlack, (67.04) Jean Montague-Jo Fritz, (67.00) Christie McDougall-Gene McDougall, (66.67) Wagner Van Vlack-Ann Day, (66.13) Dave Douglass-Jean Montague, (65.87) Don O'Bryan-Jim Kennedy, (65.44) Jean Montague-Jo Fritz and (65.40) Sunand Bal-Wagner Van Vlack

Club Championships: Monday, July 7: 1) Jean Montague-Raymond Grady, 2/3) Bob Baker-Tom Ungar, Ed Helpert-Bob Brussel, 4) Shirley Sorenson-Betty Griffis. Friday, July 25: 1) Steve Lang-Judson Jones, 2) Marian Conway-Ann Grub, 3) Jean Montague-Dave Douglass, 4) Jo Fritz-Doug Fritz

Announcements: Birthday Friday - September 5th, 10:00 a.m. Club Championships will be held on Wednesday - September 10th in the open, 299'er and evening games. We will be closed Friday, September 19 for the Tucson Sectional.

*"The average
defender operates in a
fog of uncertainty"*

H. W. Kelsey



Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

By Chris Hasney

65% Games: Margie Dugas and Don Hard (74.10% and a 70.00%); George Willis and Paul Soper (71.10% and 65.80%); Margarete Gallaer and Larry Scott (two 68.80% games); Charlie Comeau and Don Hard (67.90%); and Jessie King and Joyce Davis (67.60%).

Masters of the Month: Margarete Gallaer earned 7.14 points to take Life Master of the Month honors. Non Life Master of the Month was frequent winner Kaye Dean (1.79).

Green Valley Bridge Club

By Catherine Clark

65% Games: Bill Barkley- Al Bowman; Yvette Gormley - Rita Kurrus; Joyce Lenz - Ernie Perkins; Franz Schatz - Bob Wharton; Mary and Bob Baptist; Shelton Howland - Ted Blomquist; Ted Fones - Val Armentrout; Dodie Bowler - Doris Kuzmak; Warren Fuesz - Jeanie Soule

Club Championship: 1. Warren Fuesz -Marty Allen; 2. Ted Fones - Franz Schatz; 3. Janice Miller - Serena Astlett. 49er: Jayne Nelson - Lois Nottingham

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

By Doris Kuzmak

65% Games: (70.19) Gwen Black & Lillian Mahvi; (68.40) Lois Beyer & Connie Jewett and (67.28) Lorraine Vonk & Val Armentrout. High Percentage Game (under 200MPs); (61.70) Karen Linder & Carol Tahse.

Announcements: We will have a Club Championship Game on September 13, 2008.

Ken Badertscher's Bridge Column

This story comes from the "random--ha-ha" hands used in the so called STaC games at our local club. All the decisions on this hand were mine, so my partner is Anonymous. My "random-ha-ha" hand was ♠A96, ♥-void, ♦-AK3 and ♣AKQ10865. My first issue is what to open. Options look like one ♣ or two ♣'s. Wish I was playing a BIG CLUB. Problem with one ♣ is what to bid next so I opened two ♣'s--I play two ♣'s shows at least nine tricks in the majors or ten tricks in the minors. My clubs are supposed to be "solid" so I can get to ten tricks. After my two ♣ opening, Anonymous bid two ♦'s showing at least a king and forcing to game. That does make the rest of the auction easier but we start showing suits at the two or three level. I bid three ♣'s of course and Anonymous bid three ♠'s. OK so if you play that positive responses to two ♣'s show at least two of the top three honors, I guess Anonymous doesn't have both the King and Queen of ♠'s. What next. Options look like possible ♣ slam but what about ♠'s? Because we are playing matchpoints and they don't reward ♣'s as much as ♠'s. I could rebid ♣'s at the four level, support ♠'s, temporize with four ♦'s or pull out one of my many gadgets. Four ♠'s is out, four ♣'s would be an ok bid, four ♦'s would be an ok bid, four NT is out because of my void. I chose "five ♥'s"--exclusion Blackwood assuming Anonymous would know that this meant ♠'s, the last bid suit, was our trump suit Exclusion Blackwood says show me keycards ignoring ♥'s because I am void. That got a five NT bid showing one. Note that five ♠'s would have shown no key cards and I could have passed to play it there. Since Anonymous couldn't have the queen of ♠'s because she would have bid two ♠'s I settled for six ♠'s.Well folks did he make it or not? When you see Ken, ask him.....

Happy Birthday to our
September Friends
Astrological Signs— Cancer
and Libra
Birthstone—Blue Sapphire
*"The first 40 years of life give us
the text: the next 30 supply the
commentary"*
Arthur Schopenhauer
107 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.

Unit Game Results August 3—(20 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Ken Badertscher & Lois Jameson
2. Alan Bowman & Brenda Sonderegger
3. Sunny Bal & Ann Day

Flight B—Overall

1. Sunny Bal & Ann Day
2. Christie McDougall & Gene McDougall
3. Barry Abrahams & Julie Abrahams

Flight C—Overall

1. Alan Ravitz & Yvonne Ravitz
2. Jim Overacker & Frances Gordon



Welcome New Members

Judith Chaffee, John Heyl, Jerrold Joffe,
James Kerr, Harriet Kronman,
Ruth Nation, Terry Nelson,
Lynn Peterson, Susan Scheuing and
Cathy Schroder.

*Speeding up play. Try to
time you breaks for when
you have finished early or a
hospitality break has been
announced. If you are late
getting started, try to play at
a pace that is comfortable,
yet try to catch up.*

Board of Directors

Due to the passing of Paul Moore and the recent
resignation of Jan Miller, the Board of Directors
has changed.

You new board is:
President—Prudy Cain;
Vice President—Julie Abrahams;
Secretary—Marge Curvin;
Treasurer—Christie McDougall;
Barry Abrahams, Ken Badertscher, Betty Compton,
Bob Simrak and Brenda Sonderegger.

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 ♥
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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	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	
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—September 2008 (Hispanic Heritage Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6
	Labor Day A Labor Day			Sectional (Colorado Springs)	Birthdays LC Membership A Sectional (Colorado Springs)	Sectional (Colorado Springs) Read a Book Day
September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13
Unit Game (Adobe) 1:00 PM Sectional (Colorado Springs)		Birthdays A CC MV	CC (all Sessions) LC Swap Ideas Day	ACBL Instant MP (Local Clubs)	Sectional (Prescott) (Carlsbad Caverns)	CC S Sectional (Prescott) (Carlsbad Caverns)
September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20
Sectional (Prescott) (Carlsbad Caverns)			Citizenship Day	Sectional (Holiday Inn)	Sectional (Holiday Inn) Sectional (Laramie) Talk like a Pirate Day	Sectional (Holiday Inn) Sectional (Laramie)
September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26	September 27
Sectional (Holiday Inn) Sectional (Laramie)	Sectional (Las Vegas)	Sectional (Las Vegas) Checkers Day	Charity Game A Sectional (Las Vegas)	Sectional (Las Vegas)	Sectional (Las Vegas) Sectional (Los Alamos)	Sectional (Las Vegas) Sectional (Los Alamos) Crush a Can Day
September 28	September 29	September 30				
Sectional (Las Vegas) Sectional (Los Alamos)	Confucius Day					

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