

Unit 356



## November Events

**November 6**  
**Unit Wide Champ**  
(Local Clubs)

**November 8**  
**GNT Qualifier\*\***  
(Adobe)

**November 15**  
**Unit Game and**  
(Las Candelas)

**November 22**  
**Board-A-Match**  
(Adobe)

**November 26**  
NABC  
(San Diego)

**November 30**  
**ACBL Charity Game**  
(Local Clubs)

\*\* Double Session

## Welcome New Members

Tamara Colton  
Richard Firth  
Eileen Helitzer  
Eric Kahn  
Heidi Kahn  
Molly Landi  
Barbara Morris  
Holly Rieger  
Kay Stitzel  
Charlotte Weller

## New Strats

The new Strats for all Unit Games, Unit Wide Games or any other games related to the unit will be:

Strat A = 1501+  
Strat B = 501-1500  
Strat C = 0-500

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## Monthly Master Point Winners

### Adobe

#### Under 1000

(11.94) Mike Smith  
(8.39) Linda Lineberry  
(8.21) Sydney Kaye  
(6.97) Adair Karlan  
(5.76) Carolyn Reynolds  
**Over 1000**  
(21.39) George Good  
(18.32) Percy Brown  
(14.35) Wagner Van Vlack  
(13.21) Martin Schiff  
(12.80) Ken Badertscher

### Green Valley

#### Top Ten

(12.51) Dave Sach  
(12.51) Sue Sach  
(9.68) Allen Bowman  
(8.87) Franz Schatz  
(7.12) Bill Hackbarth  
(6.90) Ted Walden

(6.51) Brenda Sonderegger

(6.22) Karen Linder

(5.78) Alyce Shoenhard

(5.70) Bob & Mary Baptist

### Las Candelas

#### Under 500

(6.06) Jacqueline Gillette  
(5.90) Lynda Thomas  
(5.22) Walter Mann  
(4.70) Clair Kretschmann  
(4.62) Rao Bollimpalli

#### 500-1500

(8.86) Karen Swanberg  
(8.33) Jean Ramsey  
(8.03) Marian Wilson  
(7.62) Joy Rieckers  
(7.40) Ted Bayer

### Saguaro

#### Top Winners

(4.19) Sue Sachs  
(4.19) David Sachs

(2.82) Mary Baptist

(2.82) Bob Baptist

(2.78) Arni Maki

(2.78) Gene Maki

(2.50) R. Michael Montigne

(2.27) Franz Schatz

(2.14) Carol Alberta

(2.14) Joanne Franson

### Thunder Mountain

#### Top Ten

(12.63) George Willis  
Paul Soper  
Larry Scott  
Marc Hay  
Margarete Gallaer  
Katy Vaughn  
Joyce Davis  
Diana Smith  
Peggy Wilder  
Don Hard (3.96)

## Rank Advancements

**ClubMaster:** Richard Blum,

Duane Dietrich and Sharon Powers

**Sectional Master:** Janet Andrews,

Robert Bixby, Elaine Burton-Resnick,  
Lynn Carey, Ronald Gagne and Jane Klug

**Regional Master:** Mary Ahearn,  
Judith Chaffee and Adair Karlin

**NABC Master:** Ann Kuperberg

**Life Master:** Marian Conway, Dean  
Frost, Janette Graunke and Judson Jones

**Bronze Life Master:** Janette Graunke  
and Ann Grub

**Silver Life Master:** Elaine Kiefer

## Top Games

(75.00) Dave & Sue Sachs; (73.38) Dave & Sue Sachs;  
(71.63) George Good - Greg West; (71.51) Rick Ocker - Sharon O'Connor  
(71.30) Franz Schatz - Ted Walden; (70.14) Bob & Mary Baptist

## Adobe By Wagner Van Vlack

### High Games:

- (71.63) George Good -  
Greg West  
(71.51) Rick Ocker -  
Sharon O'Connor  
(69.50) Leslie Durkee -  
Ginny Rutledge  
(69.05) Jo Billeter -  
Nancy Lord Watts  
(68.75) Bill & Janet Hornung  
(67.63) Martin Schiff -  
George Good  
(67.50) Dick & Patsy  
Fontaine  
(67.07) Rosemarie Holmes -  
Margaret Linaburg  
(66.88) Ruth Houkom -  
Lynn Peterson  
(66.85) Brian McCarthy -  
Larry De Lucia

### Special Events:

Club championships will be held **November 10th**, (Birthday Cake day)  
**November 16th** open and Ventana, **November 19th** Charity Game open and NLM, **November 21st** open and NLM and for the open and for under 20 points on **November 27th**. Since classes are dependent upon enrollment, you need to pre-register. Contact Van at [w.vanvlack@comcast.net](mailto:w.vanvlack@comcast.net)  
**Beginning Bridge #1**  
Wednesdays, November 4 - December 16 - 9:00 - 11:00  
ACBL "Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" - Chapters 1-5 plus basic play of the hand

Fee: \$59.00 (Includes Text)

### **Beginning Bridge #2**

Tuesdays, November 3 - December 15-9:00 - 11:00  
ACBL "Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" - Chapters 6-9 plus basic play of the hand

Fee: \$59.00 (Includes Text)

### **Intermediate Bridge: #3**

Wednesdays, November 4 - December 16-9:00 - 11:00  
ACBL "Defense in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" - play of hand and defense  
Fee: \$59.00 (Includes Text)

### **Intermediate Bridge #4**

Dates: Fridays, November 6 - December 18 -9:00 - 11:00  
participation in bidding and play with supervision from an instructor. Fee: \$49.00

### **Brown Bag Seminar - Continuing Education "Coaching the Beginning Duplicate Player"**

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15 and Fridays (Same time span)  
Time: 11:15 - Noon  
Fee = \$15 for 6 sessions  
This seminar series is designed for duplicate newcomers. Participants will review key hands from the previous week in addition to being given tips and strategies on improving their duplicate play. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy the company of others prior to playing in the Non Life Master games Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

## Green Valley By Allen Bowman

### High Scores:

- (75.00) Dave & Sue Sachs  
(73.38) Dave & Sue Sachs  
(71.30) Franz Schatz - Ted Walden  
(70.14) Bob & Mary Baptist  
(69.68) Al Bowman - Franz Schatz  
(69.37) Bill Hackbarth - Karen Linder  
(69.00) Al Bowman - Ron Payne  
(68.65) Dave & Sue Sachs  
(67.86) Bill Hackbarth - Lorraine Vonk  
(67.36) Val Armentrout - Alyce Shoenhard  
(67.13) Al Bowman - Ron Payne  
(65.77) Joyce Lenz - Ernie Perkins  
(65.28) Bob & Mary Baptist

## Thunder Mountain

By Chris Hasney

### High Scores:

- (69.9%) Judy Shelnett and Don Hard  
(66.2%) Peggy Wilder and Dianna Smith  
(65.6%) Katy Vaughn with George Willis

### Players of the Month

Players of the month were George Willis (Life Master) and Marc Hay (non-Life Master).

### Masters of the Month

Monday -- Paul Soper and George Willis;  
Wednesday -- Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith; Thursday -- Katy Vaughn and George Willis; Friday -- Joyce Davis and Shirley Cole.

## Saguaro By Doris Kuzmak

### High Scores:

- (67.59) Sue & David Sachs  
(67.51) Mary & Bob Baptist  
(66.37) Pat Barnes - Charles Comeau

### Announcements:

Club Appreciation Championship Game will be held October 31--  
Happy Halloween!!!



## ACBL's Amnesty Offer

The offer - available between now and December 31, 2009 - is for lapsed ACBL members who have unrecorded masterpoints. These former ACBL members are invited to reinstate their membership between now and December 31, 2009 and receive all masterpoints won during the time they were on inactive membership status credited to them at no charge. In addition, those who renew for a three-year membership before October 1, 2009, will receive a special bonus offer - a complimentary deck of ACBL tournament-quality playing cards. Spread the word!

## I/N Corner By Janet Andrews

Don't forget the NLM tournament at the Holiday Inn on Palo Verde. The tournament begins Friday 10/30 at 7:30 PM, continues on Saturday 10/31 at 10:00 AM and 3 PM. On Sunday 11/1 there will be a Swiss Team event with free lunch. All games will be stratified: A = 200-500, B=100-200, C= 0-100. There will be Stratified 49'er pairs on Friday Evening and Saturday. D=20-50, E= 5-20, F= 0-5. Come and enjoy this fun event for the Intermediate/Newcomer players. There will be games for all levels of play.  
See you there!

## OOPS

The December 6th Holiday Party and Membership Appreciation Game is a **Pairs** event not a Team event. I apologize for not making this more clear.  
Julie

## Queen of Hearts

Starting October 8th, Queen of Hearts Duplicate Bridge Club will be holding games each Thursday morning at 9:00am through April 2010.

## Las Candelas By Sunny Bal

### Master Point Winners:

#### Over 1500:

(15.67) Dave Douglass  
(12.42) Jean Montague  
(9.31) Don O'Bryan  
(9.31) Jo Ann Aiken  
(5.72) Franz Schatz

#### 65% Games:

(67.26) Barbara Rosenthal -  
Lynda Thomas  
(65.78) Jean Montague -  
J. Charles Comeau  
(65.54) Dave Douglas - Om Piplani

#### Announcements:

Club Championships..  
Monday—**November 9th**, Tuesday—  
**November 12th** and  
Friday **November 13th**.  
Sunday Swiss Games at  
Las Candelas will be held on Sunday  
**October 25th**, **December 20th**,  
**January 24th**, **February 28th**,  
**March 28th** and **April 25th** at 12.30pm.  
New NLM game every Monday at 12.30 and Fridays  
at 10am. Supervised Bid-and-Play 9am Tuesdays.

## Unit Wide Championship

### October 9th

#### Flight A

1. Lionel Larriva -  
Walter Mann
2. Allen Bowman -  
Robert Wharton
3. Gale Peck - Jeanne Rudolph
4. Ray Call - Frances Hill

#### Flight B

1. Gale Peck - Jeanne Rudolph
2. Ray Call - Frances Hill
3. Carol Pilmar -  
Michael Smith
4. Eleanor Furtak -  
Linda Lineberry

#### Flight C

1. Jacqueline Gillette -  
Shirley Senofsky
2. Richard Quigg - Bud Smith
3. Hal Feightner - Bill Cowen
4. Kay Coombs - Sue Gehret



## New Year, New Venue

2010 will introduce a new venue for some of our tournaments in Tucson. The recent completion of the **new** Desert Diamond Hotel and Conference Center adjacent to the Tucson International Airport has provided us new opportunities. Our first tournament at the Desert Diamond, will be the Winter Sectional, January 7th-10th.

## Help Needed

Steve Reynolds is looking for some special people to help with the December 6th Two Session Member Appreciation and Holiday Party. Please contact him at (520) 488-7730 or tvs1@cox.net if you can help.

### *In Memoriam*

*Dawn Freedman*

## Unit Game

### October 11th (Tables)

#### Flight A—Overall

1. Diana McGinn - Jerry Paugh
2. B Robert Simrak - George Good
3. Wagner Van Vlack - Sunand Bal
4. Jo Ann Aiken - Barbara Feeley

#### Flight B—Overall

1. Diana McGinn - Jerry Paugh
2. Wagner Van Vlack - Sunand Bal
3. Anne West - Lillian Mahvi
4. Gene & Marilyn Hendricks

#### Flight C—Overall

1. Diana McGinn - Jerry Paugh
2. Nancy Porterfield - Sue Gehret
3. Seymour Einstein - Roberta Kauss



## Lessons By Barbara Feeley

### Signals

**Attitude:** high card follow in a suit followed encourages continuation; lowest then up the line discourages. Also applies to discards in side suits. **Count:** high card follow in a suit followed by lower shows even number of cards in that suit; low then up the line shows odd number. **Shift preference:** high follow, when it cannot be attitude, asks for shift to higher ranking of remaining suits, low follow asks for a shift to a lower ranking suit.

Attitude is the most common, and prevails unless it clearly does not. Count is useful in blocking access to long suit in dummy. Shift preference most commonly is used when opening lead captures a singleton in dummy in a suit contract.

## Annual Holiday Party and Two Session Member Appreciation Game

The Annual Holiday Party and Member Appreciation Game will be held on December 6, 2009 at the West Campus of Pima Community College. **You must pre-register for this event.** We will provide a sign up sheet attached to the Kibitzer. There will be a light breakfast before play and lunch between sessions. The fee is \$10.00 per person. Get your **PAIRS** together for this fun event. Play begins at 9:00am.

### DISTRICT 17 & UNIT 356 WEBSITES

<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
<b>Adobe Bridge Club</b> (Wagner "Van" Van Vlack, Club Manager) 3727 E Blacklidge— <b>795-2441</b> <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/">http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/</a>	<b>1:00pm</b> open	<b>12:30pm</b> <b>5pm</b> NLM (Ventana)	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & Under 20	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> open	<b>9:00am</b> NLM <b>1:00pm</b> Open
<b>Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club</b> Games Open to Members and Guests Only <a href="http://members.cox.net/gvbridge">members.cox.net/gvbridge</a>		<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>West</b>			<b>6:30pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>	<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>West</b>	
<b>High Desert Hands</b> 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager)— <b>559-7894</b> <a href="mailto:carol@crazyedoptical.com">carol@crazyedoptical.com</a>						<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Las Candelas Bridge Club</b> (Sunny Bal, Club Manager)— <b>696-9101</b> 401 E. Limberlost <a href="http://www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com">www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com</a>	Swiss Teams <b>1:00pm</b> 4th Sun— D,J,F,M,&A	<b>9am</b> Student (Casita) <b>12:30p</b> Open	<b>9:30a</b> NLM (Casita) <b>12:30p</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & 299 <b>6:30p</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>10:00am</b> Open	
<b>Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)— <b>818-1727</b> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke <a href="http://Mountainviewbridgeclub.com">Mountainviewbridgeclub.com</a>			<b>1:00pm</b>			<b>1:00pm</b>	
<b>Queen of Hearts Bridge Club</b> (James Richhart, Manager)— <b>744-4212</b> On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd					<b>9:00am</b> Thru April 2010		
<b>Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager)— <b>625-4027</b> or <b>237-1959</b> —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>							<b>12:30pm</b> Open
<b>Thunder Mountain Bridge Club</b> 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista— <b>803-9564</b> or <b>432-3883</b> — <a href="mailto:dhard@cox.net">dhard@cox.net</a>		<b>12:30pm</b>		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7
	<i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am	<i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 11:15am	<i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am		<i>UUC</i> (Local Clubs) <i>Class</i> A 9:00am	
November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14
<i>GNT Qualifier</i> Double Session (Adobe)	<i>CC LC</i> <i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am	<i>CC A</i> <i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 11:15am	<i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am	<i>CC LC</i>	<i>CC LC</i> <i>CAC S</i> <i>Class</i> A 9:00am	
November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21
<i>Unit Game</i> 1:00pm (Adobe)	<i>CC A</i> <i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am	<i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 11:15am	<i>CC A</i> <i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am		<i>Class</i> A 9:00am	
November 22	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28
<i>Board-A-Match</i> A	<i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am	<i>Class</i> Casita 9:30am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 11:15am	<i>Class</i> A 9:00am <i>Class</i> A 9:00am	<i>CC A</i> under 20 NABC (San Diego)	<i>Class</i> A 9:00am NABC (San Diego)	NABC (San Diego)
November 29	November 30					
NABC (San Diego)	<i>ACBL CG</i> (Local Clubs) NABC (San Diego)					

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