

Unit 356



September Events

September 3-6

Sectional
(Colorado Springs)

September 4-7

Sectional
(El Paso)

September 9

ACBL Instant MP
(Local Clubs)

September 13

Unit Game
(Adobe 1:00pm)

September 21-27

Sectional
(Las Vegas)

September 25-27

Sectional
(Los Alamos)

Welcome

New Members

Derek Graybill
Joy Roberts
Louanne Shogren
Elizabeth Thomas
Kathleen Vishner
Shirley Wetmore
Thomas Yohe

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

The Desert Kibitzer



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September 2009

Monthly Master Point Winners

Adobe

Under 1000

(11.31) Ann Day
(9.06) William Schelstrate
(7.85) Judy Chaffee
(6.96) Leslie Durkee
(6.50) Adair Karlan
Over 1000
(18.37) George Good
(16.21) Martin Schiff Jr.
(15.08) Steve Reynolds
(14.47) Larry Dunham
(14.27) Nicolai Minenko

Green Valley

Top Ten
(9.61) Dave Sachs
(9.61) Sue Sachs
(7.02) Bob Baptist
(7.02) Mary Baptist
(6.66) Ernie Perkins
(6.27) Ted Kurrus
(6.11) Allen Bowman
(5.24) Franz Schatz
(5.09) Shelton Howland
(4.82) Ron Payne

Las Candelas

Under 500

(7.16) Jacqueline Gillette
(6.51) Ann Grub
(6.33) Lynda Thomas
(5.59) Walter Mann
(5.00) Steve Lang
(15.47) Karen Swanberg
(12.68) Marian Wilson
(12.08) Ray Call
(9.88) Rodney Letts
(7.56) Bill Hackbarth

Mountain View

Top Ten
A:
(6.40) Gene DePesa
(5.56) Donna DePesa
(4.89) Kay Afdahl
(4.89) Darwin Afdahl
B:
(3.23) Vicki Hanson
(2.74) Midge Miller
(2.54) Anne Roberts

(2.54) Don Taylor

Saguaro

Top Winners
(5.86) Mary Baptist
(5.58) Ernie Perkins
(5.23) Bob Baptist
(4.66) Fran Herrmann
(4.66) Fran Schatz
(4.00) Jean James
(3.62) Pat Barnes
(3.62) JoAnn Day
(2.93) Shelton Howland

Thunder Mountain

Top Ten
(8.92) George Willis
Paul Soper
Marc Hay
Larry Scott
Kaye Dean
Don Hard
Diana Smith
Peggy Wilder
Gale Peck
(3.30) Katy Vaughn

Rank Advancements

Club Master: Sue Gehret and David Lloyd

Sectional Master: Jean Austin, Kelly Bright and Martha Winn

Regional Master: Kenneth Becker

NABC Master: Susan Hagerty

Life Master: Bengt Bjernfalk, Joan Merrill, Joseph Rosenbaum and Peggy Weldy

Bronze Life Master: Leon Bennet-Alder

Silver Life Master: Martin Allen, Jeri Garvin, Karen Swanberg and Constance Whitehead

Top Games

(81.40) Bob & Mary Baptist; (72.32) Dave & Sue Sachs;
(71.88) Reggie Graves - Raymond Grady;
(70.60) Martin Schiff Jr. - Michael Levy; (70.00) Karen Balch - Julie Harston;
(70.00) Charles Comeau - Jim Martin

Adobe By Wagner Van Vlack

High Games:

- (70.60) Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy
- (68.75) Suzanne Kinnear - Eleanor Horton
- (68.19) Hattie Jeanne Paul - Seymour Einstein
- (68.00) Larry Dunham - George Good
- (67.95) Badertscher - Martin Schiff Jr.
- (67.36) Jim Cosmas - Robert Bixby
- (67.36) Nicolai Minenko - Ajit Bhattacharyya
- (67.31) Marshall Clark - Jack White
- (66.78) B Robert Simrak - George Good
- (66.96) Dick Fontaine - Patsy Fontaine

- (66.90) Daniel Forrest - David Rinehart
- (66.35) Maria Morris - Stephen Pozez
- (66.05) Jane Oakland - Al Oakland
- (65.20) Ken Badertscher - Leslie Durke

Special Events:

- September 5th - Club Championship Games at 9:00 AM (Non-life Master) and at 1:00 PM (Open);
- September 8th - Club Championship (Open) and Birthday Cake;
- September 18th - Club Championship (Open);
- September 21st - Club Championship at the 5:00 PM

Ventana Non-Life Master Game; September 30th - Food Bank Charity Game.

Adobe Fall Class Schedule

Beginning Bridge (Course 1) – 7 Weeks - Dates: Wednesdays, September 9 - October 21 - Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM.
Curriculum: ACBL “Bidding in the 21st Century” – Chapters 1-5 plus basic play of the hand—Fee: \$59.00 (Includes Textbook)
 Intermediate Bridge (Course 2) – 7 Weeks - Dates: Tuesdays, September 8 - October 20 - Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM.
Curriculum: ACBL “Bidding in the 21st Century” –

Chapters 6-9 plus basic play of the hand - Fee: \$59.00 (Includes Textbook).
 Intermediate Bridge (Course 3) – 7 Weeks - Dates: Fridays, September 11 - October 23: Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Curriculum: ACBL **“Play of the Hand in the 21st Century” plus play of hand and basic defense—**
 Fee: \$59.00 (Includes Textbook). Email Information w.vanvlack@comcast.net or call 795-2441. Come to Adobe on Labor Day, September 7th, for Coffee and Crumpets!!!



Green Valley By Allen Bowman

High Scores:

- (81.40) Bob & Mary Baptist
- (72.32) Dave & Sue Sachs
- (69.27) Allen Bowman - Ron Payne
- (68.75) Dave & Sue Sachs
- (68.45) Allen Bowman - Franz Schatz
- (67.53) Bob & Mary Baptist
- (66.20) Joyce Lenz - Doris Kuzmak
- (65.74) Shelton Howland - Vince Fragomeni
- (65.74) Dave & Mary Armstrong
- (65.51) Dave & Sue Sachs
- (65.28) Bill Hackbarth - Ron Payne
- (65.21) Fran Herrmann - Ernie Perkins

Thunder Mountain

By Chris Hasney

High Scores:

- (69.30) Judy Shelnut - Don Hard
- (67.80) Gale Peck - Kaye Dean
- (65.80) Larry Scott - Marc Hay
- (65.40) George Willis - Larry Scott
- (65.00) Marc Hay - Paul Soper

Masters of the Month

George Willis earned Life Master of the month honors, with non-Life Master achieved by Marc Hay.

Saguaro By Doris Kuzmak

High Scores:

- (69.35) Mary & Bob Baptist
- (67.59) Jean James - Ernie Perkins
- (65.38) Shelton Howland - JoAnnDay

Announcements:

On October 3rd Saguaro will be hosting a Swiss Team (Club Appreciation Game). This game will award some GOLD POINTS. Sign up your team by SEPTEMBER 26th. ADVANCE SIGN-UPS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS GAME. (No side game on October 3rd - Swiss Team Only).

Mountain View By Ron Morris

60% Games:

- Donna - Gene DePesa (three times)
- Darwin - Kay Afdahl (four times)
- Carl Kallina - Robert Brussel (two times)
- Robert Brussel - Blanche Waldstreicher
- Jeffrey - Sheila Lesser (two times)
- Leo Pigaty - Sara Doonan
- Marie Heald - Gene DePesa
- Midge Miller - Betty Edwards
- Vicki Hanson - Dean Frost (two times)

- Betty Meyer - Robert Murray
- Barbara Dever - Alicia Anderson
- Barbara Feeley - Michelle Werley

Announcements:

We will hold eight sessions in August. There will be STaC Games on the August 25th and August 28th for Silver Masterpoints.



I / N Corner By Janet Andrews

The Pro-Am Game to be held Sunday, August 30th at Adobe is just around the corner now. So far we have 21 tables signed up, so expect a lot of fun. Several of you have asked about starting time and cost. The game starts at 1 PM, but **don't forget to come 30 minutes early for the** yummy food and coordination with your team. The cost is \$5/person. Remember If you need a partner tell Marge Curvin or me at a game, sign up at the bottom of the sheet at the clubs, or email me at inrep@SouthernArizonaBridge.com and we will find you a partner and team.

Las Candelas By Sunny Bal

Master Point Winners:

Over 1250:

- (15.96) Dave Douglass
- (14.22) Mary Dixon
- (11.87) Don O'Bryan
- (10.92) Diana Humphreys
- (9.33) Jo Ann Aiken

65% Games:

- (71.88) Reggie Graves -
Raymond Grady
- (70.00) Karen Balch - Julie Harston
- (68.96) Bengt Berrnfalk -
Dave Douglass
- (67.31) JoAnne Aiken - C. Mette
- (66.99) Don O'Bryan - Ray Call
- (66.44) Karen Swanberg -
Jean Ramsey
- (66.35) Karen Swanberg -
Marian Wilson
- (65.77) Jacquiline Gillette -
Steve Lang
- (65.56) Mary & Rodney Letts

Announcements:

A new NLM Game will start Tuesday - September 29, 2009. Fall Classes begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - **"Introduction to Bridge"**. **Wednesday** September 23, 2009 **"Popular Bridge Conventions"** - Both taught by Barbara Rosenthal (9:30am for 6 weeks - \$75.00 Including text). Monday - October 12, 2009 to November 23, 2009 **"Beginning Bridge"** **Tuesday** - October 13, 2009 to November 24, 2009. **"Intermediate Bridge"** - Both taught by Bob Hinkle - in the Casita at 9:30am.



In Memoriam

Ed French

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 a new opportunities. We have three tournaments scheduled there in 2010. This new venue features luxurious hotel rooms including breakfast and no taxes. The Hotel/Casino complex provides several dining choices, from food courts to sandwich shop, all you can eat buffet and fine dining. The conference center and Hotel are Non-Smoking. Future plans are to split our tournaments between the Holiday Inn and the Desert Diamond Hotel.

Unit Game

August 9th (19 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Darwin & Kay Afdahl
2. Carolyn & Steve Reynolds
3. Wagner Van Vlack -
Edward Helpert
4. Arni & Jean Maki

Flight B—Overall

1. Wagner Van Vlack -
Edward Helpert
2. John & Margaret Halverson
3. Jeri & Robert Garvin
4. David & Marty Chakmakian

Lessons By Barbara Feeley

Take Advantage of an Insufficient Bid. When your opponent makes an insufficient bid, the first thing you should do is call the director. This is not an attempt to make anyone uncomfortable or call attention to an error, it's just to know your options. No player should be upset because a director is called to the table; it's just part of the game that has rules. The director will explain that you may accept or not accept the insufficient bid. You have no right to force the offender to make the bid sufficient, only the right to accept or not accept. Most often, especially if you have no intention of bidding, you will not accept. This forces the offender to either make his bid sufficient or take some other action (like pass) which will then put some penalties or restrictions of the offender's partner. Most often the offender simply makes his bid sufficient to avoid those penalties. Special rules apply to double and conventional calls. There might be a

case where you want to accept the insufficient bid, in order to give yourself an opportunity that you would not have had. Example: You open one diamond with ATxx, Qxx, AKxx,xx. You are hoping to find a spade fit with partner or something that works. As it turns out partner responds one ♥, up the line, not denying ♠'s. If opponent passes, you will bid ♠'s, **but should opponent** happen to bid 2 ♣'s, **you'll not be able** to bid ♠'s **because you haven't enough** strength for a reverse so you'd likely pass or gamble with a risky ♥ raise (or support double if you play that convention.) Opponent, though, makes the insufficient call of One ♣. Director is called, your options explained, and you elect to accept and bid One ♠. This is a legal bid. One ♦ would also be a legal bid and could be used if your hand were long in ♦'s. **You've just legally taken** advantage of an error by your opponent. Good for you!

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WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Wagner "Van" Van Vlack, Club Manager) 3727 E Blacklidge—795-2441 http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/	1:00pm	12:30pm 5pm NLM (Ventana)	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open and NLM	12:30pm	9:00am NLM 1:00pm Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only members.cox.net/gvbridge		1:00pm Inv West			6:30pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv West	
High Desert Hands 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager)—559-7894 carol@crazyedoptical.com						12:00pm	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sunny Bal, Club Manager)—696-9101 401 E. Limberlost www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com		9am Student (Casita) 12:30p Open	9:30a NLM (Casita) 12:30p Open & NLM	12:30pm Open & 299 6:30p	12:30pm Open	10:00am Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)—818-1727 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			1:00pm			1:00pm	
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							12:30pm Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista—803-9564 or 432-3883— dhard@cox.net		12:30pm		12:30pm	6:30pm	12:30pm	

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5
				Sectional (Colorado Springs)	Sectional (Colorado Springs) Sectional (El Paso)	CC A Sectional (Colorado Springs) Sectional (El Paso)
September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12
Sectional (Colorado Springs) Sectional (El Paso)	C&C A Sectional (El Paso)	CC & Cake A Class A 9:0am	Class A 9:0am ACBL MP (Local Clubs)		Class A 9:0am	
September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19
Unit Game (Adobe 1pm)		Class A 9:0am	Class A 9:0am		Class A 9:0am CC A	
September 20	September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26
	CC (Ventana) Sectional (Las Vegas)	Class A 9:0am Class LC 9:30am Sectional (Las Vegas)	Class A 9:0am Class LC 9:30am Sectional (Las Vegas)	Sectional (Las Vegas)	Class A 9:0am Sectional (Las Vegas) Sectional (Los Alamos)	Sectional (Las Vegas) Sectional (Los Alamos)
September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30			
Sectional (Las Vegas) Sectional (Los Alamos)		Class A 9:0am Class LC 9:30am	CG A Class A 9:0am Class LC 9:30am		Class A 9:0am	

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