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December 2010

Dec/Jan Events

December 3rd-5th
Sectional (Phoenix)

December 12th

2 single session
STaC Games
Member Appreciation
(Desert Diamond Casino)

December 13th-19th
Regional (Rancho Mirage)

January 6th-9th

Sectional
(Desert Diamond Casino)

January 16th

Unit Game (Adobe)

January 17th-23rd

Regional (Albuquerque)

January 27th-30th

Sectional (Yuma)

Check the 2011 calendar
for other special events in
the coming year.



Welcome New Members

Marian Handy

October Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(12.91) Linda Lineberry; (7.32) Sydney Kaye; (7.21) Ernest McCray
(6.98) Stanley Dybvig; (6.13) Irwin Rosman

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(16.04) George Good; (12.91) Linda Lineberry; (11.14) Percy Brown
(10.27) Kenneth Badertscher; (10.07) Dev De Lucia

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(17.36) Tom Kent; (15.85) Ernie Perkins; (15.57) Mary Baptist; (13.40) Al Bowman
(12.60) Bob Baptist; (12.06) Gene Maki; (11.02) Russ Stowers; (10.66) Dick Lindquist
(10.38) Arne Maki; (10.25) Gail Meyer

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(7.48) Derek Graybill; (6.73) John Piet; (6.41) Barbie Corbett
(6.12) Margaret Hovell; (5.32) Bud Smith

Master Point Winners 501-1500

(9.91) Avice Bosse; (8.44) Karen Swanberg; (7.95) Martie Mecom
(7.19) Chi Newman; Shakti Routh

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

A: (4.83) Doug Fritz; (4.83) Jo Fritz; (3.77) Kay Afdahl ; (3.17) Darwin Afdahl
(2.88) Sheila Lesser; (2.28) Jeffrey Lesser

B: (5.14) Richard Quigg; (3.43) Amiel Goodman; (2.08) Betty Edwards
(2.08) Midge Miller; (1.06) Mary Primeau; (1.06) Sheila Caterraccio

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners (includes Club Appreciation Games)

(11.17) Allen Bowman; (10.35) Ron Payne; (8.48) Ted Fones; (7.67) Arni Maki
(7.67) Gene Maki; (7.29) Fran Herrmann; (7.29) Franz Schatz; (6.25) Jim Howland
(6.05) Ted Walden; (5.22) Russ Stowers

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

(11.18) George Willis; (7.87) Paul Soper; (7.55) Donald Hard; (7.19) Jim Handy
(6.11) Larry Scott; (6.06) Margarete Gallaer; (5.64) Katy Vaughn; (5.61) Diana Smith
(5.61) Margaret Wilder; (5.36) Marc Hay

Over 70% Games

(74.44) Jean James & Benita Nelson; (70.83) George Willis - Paul Soper
(70.00) Robert Walton - Donald Hard

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UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: PRESIDENT: Barry Abrahams ♥ VICE PRESIDENT: Prudy Cain ♥ TREASURER: Carolyn Reynolds ♥ SECRETARY: Jan Miller

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Mountain View *By Ron Morris*

We had seven sessions in October. Pairs with better than 60% games include: Jo & Doug Fritz (three times); Vicki Hanson & Marian Rogge; Midge Miller & Betty Edwards; Leo Pigaty & Sara Doonan; Kay & Darwin Afdahl (two times); Richard Quigg & Amiel Goodman (three times); Bob Stotts & Ed Anderson; Syrile Ellison & Darlene Barstad; Sheila Lesser & Kay Afdahl.

We will have nine sessions in December, including a Grand Nationals Team game on Friday the 3rd, and a Special Fund Game on Tuesday the 7th.

Thunder Mountain *By Chris Hasney*

Life Master of the month for September was George Willis. He earned 11.18 masterpoints.

There were six percentage games during the month, with some players having multiple big games.

(70.83) George Willis - Paul Soper
(70.00) Robert Walton - Donald Hard
(69.64) Jim Handy - Margarete Gallaer
(69.27) John Thompson Jr - Keith Stearns
(67.00) Katy Vaughn - Paul Soper
(65.74) George Willis - Paul Soper

Las Candelas *By Sunny Bal*

Master Point Winners Open

(17.26) Dave Douglass; (14.76) Jean Montague; (9.91) Avice Bosse
(8.59) Nona Dale; (8.44) Karen Swanberg

65% Games

(68.11) Dave Douglass - Adair Karlin; (67.46) Dave Douglass - Sunand Bal;
(66.83) Lew Herbster - Phylis Herbster; (65.87) Nona Dale - Shakti Routh
(65.51) Irma Ashley - Tony Dare; (65.0) Barbara Soehlen - Louise Sullivan

Announcements

STAC Dec 6 through 11

Club Championships Thursday December 16th and Friday December 17th.

Happy Holidays to all!

Play of the Hand 5 lessons start Monday, Dec 6 9:30-11:30 \$65 including text
Defense Class 5 lessons start Thursday, Dec. 9 9:30-11:30 \$65 including text
All classes taught by Barbara Rosenthal 331-9444

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

Top Games

(74.44) Jean James & Benita Nelson; (68.15) Al Bowman & Franz Schatz
(66.96) Bob & Mary Baptist; (66.88) Franz Schatz & Alyce Shoenhard
(66.67) Ron Payne & Lorraine Vonk; (66.67) Ernie Perkins & Carol Skomars;
(65.84) Franz Schatz & Bob Wharton
(65.65) Shelton Howland & Carol Skomars; (65.28) John & Ann Chaplin

Top Team Games

(80.00) Ted Blomquist, Shelton Howland, Bobbie Trunzo, Sue Walsh
(76.25) Fran Herrmann, Tom Kent, Dick Lindquist, Ernie Perkins
(75.00) Tom Kent, Ernie Perkins, George & Joan Schild
(72.22) Bob & Mary Baptist; Dave & Sue Sachs
(70.85) Arne & Gene Maki; Russ Stowers, Ted Walden
(70.00) Allen Bowman, Arne & Gene Maki; Ron Payne
(70.00) Rollie & Darlene Armacost; Karen Eble, Linda Miller

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

High Percentage Games for September

(69.12) David Sachs - Sue Sachs; (67.97) Allen Bowman - Ron Payne
(67.82) Fran Herrmann - Franz Schatz; (66.90) Jeffrey Blake - Jim Howland

Holiday STaC Game will be held on December 11.

Holiday Party & Club Championship will be held on December 18.
Meat & beverages will be provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

No game on December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Open on January 1.

Adobe *By Gene McDougall*

Welcome back snowbirds! We are finishing up a set of classes at the beginning of December and will be starting several new sets at the beginning of next year. Classes offered will include beginning bidding, play of the hand and beginning and intermediate bid and play. Checkout www.adobebridgeclub.org or call 795-2441 for details.

Games over 65%

(67.21) Lawrence De Lucia - Nancy Stewart; (67.07) Mary Clutz - Chrissy Inglett; (66.42) Rebecca Johnson - Barbie Corbett
(66.28) Joan Merrill - Melvin Norvelle; (66.12) Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser; (65.11) George Good - Greg West;
(65.03) Robert Johnston - Russell Stowers

I/N Corner by *Marge Curvin*

Hope all enjoyed the NLM Tournament at Hotel Tucson. Gene and Christie McDougall certainly did a "bang up" job setting up and directing. Hope we see them at another NLM function.

On the heels of that tournament we had the Open Sectional. It appears a great time was had there too.

Mark your calendar for the December 12th double session STAC game and lunch at Desert Diamond Casino. All that for \$15.00 per person. Such a DEAL !!! Pre Registration is required.

Happy Thanksgiving one and all!!

Marge Curvin
Unit 356 I/N Rep
m.curvin@yahoo.com or 319-1081

Annual Holiday Party and Member Appreciation STaC

Desert Diamond Casino
December 12th
1st session starts at 9:00am

Preregistration and payment is required. Register by December 10, 2010. Fees are \$30 per pair for the day which includes 2 separate STaC games plus Buffet Lunch between sessions.

Preregistration form available at:
<http://www.southernarizonabridge.com/tournaments.htm>

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Barbara Courtney, Rick Ocker,
Ruth Thornley

New Club Masters:

Sharon O'Connor

New Sectional Masters:

Lester Rubenstein, Patricia Rubenstein

New Regional Masters:

Derek Graybill, Arthur Hirsch, Pat Knight

New Life Masters:

Lanie Constable

New Bronze Life Masters:

John Arnold

New Emerald Life Masters:

George Good

Tucson Winter Sectional

Desert Diamond Casino
January 6,7,8 & 9, 2011

Schedule

Thursday January 6, 2011
7:00 PM Knockout I (Round I) - Bracketed

Friday January 7, 2011
10:00AM & 3:00PM Stratified Pairs and
Stratified 199er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Knockout I (Rounds II & III)
7:30PM Knockout II (Round I) - Bracketed

Saturday January 8, 2011
10:00AM & 3:00PM Stratified Pairs and
Stratified 199er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Knockout II (Rounds II & III)

Sunday January 9, 2011
10:00 AM & TBA Strati-flighted Swiss Teams
and Stratified 199'er Swiss Teams (Two Sessions) All Two Session Players Receive a Complimentary Buffet Lunch.

*Great playing site and hospitality.
Come join us!!*

NLM Sectional November 5th-7th 2010

Friday Morning Pairs

1. Linda S Johnson - Ladonna Palm
2. Wyla Hohn - Jack Lane
- 3/4. Sophie Katz - Sandra Levkowitz
- 3/4. Helen Turner - Carol Shelton

Friday Afternoon Pairs

- 1/2. Shirley Matlick - Elaine Goldberg
- 1/2. Robert Lewis - Chuck Shaull
3. Linda S Hermanson - Lynn Sawyer

Friday Newcomer Pairs

1. Joyce Ketchum - Sandy Preest
2. Jim Coe - Terry Coe
3. Judy Pettit - Chuck Greenberg

Friday Compact Knockout

Bracket 1:

1. Catherine Esquivel, Billie Love, Betty Patterson, Mary Clutz
2. Myra McKenna, Kay Coombs, John McKenna, Nancy Porterfield

Bracket 2:

1. George Kersels, Duane Dietrich, Pat Knight, Robert Bixby
2. Sue Gehret, Cece Knowles, Phyllis Alley, Mary Jo Simunaci

Saturday Morning Pairs

1. Gary Howell - David Burks
2. Jean B Austin - Doug Austin
- 3/4. Arlene Hansen - Marlene Smeed
- 3/4. Robert Murray - Betty Meyer

Saturday Afternoon Pairs

1. Elinor Horner - Peggy Rosenblum
2. Linda S Johnson - Ladonna Palm
3. DJ Hammerschmidt - John Hammerschmidt

Saturday Newcomer Pairs

1. Kay Stitzel - Rose Thomas
2. Sandy Preest - Joyce Ketchum

Saturday Swiss Single Session

1. Keith Stearns, Linda Akerman, Marlene Stearns, Lou Akerman
2. Billy Conn, Susan Singer, Dorothy Lu, Eric Singer
3. Carol Weber, George H Shelton, Bob Weber, Carol Shelton

Friday/Saturday Knockout

1. Ray Bright, William Schelstrate, Kelly Bright, Derek Graybill
2. Karen Balch, Ron Gagne, Barbie J Corbett, Julie Harston

Sunday Swiss

1. Alicia Anderson, Amiel Goodman, Sue Hagerty, Richard Quigg
2. William Schelstrate, Eric Singer, Susan Singer, Derek Graybill
3. Vito Konur, John Schocke, John Purdy, Dale Hill

Fall Sectional November 11th-14th 2010

Friday Morning Open Pairs

1. Rodney Letts - Mary Letts
2. Linda Miller - Mick Miller

Friday Morning 199er Pairs

1. Linda Johnson - Ladonna Palm
2. Chrissy Inglett - Shirley Wicklund

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

1. Deanne Dennison - Paul Stanbury
2. Allen Bowman - Brenda Sonderegger

Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs

1. Jere' Webb - Clayton Mottaz
2. Louis Akerman - Shirley Gardner

Thursday/Friday Knockout

- Bracket 1: David Sachs, Sue Sachs, Michael Levy, Allan Deserpa
Bracket 2: Sunand Bal, Al Peters, Derek Graybill, Eric Swanson
Bracket 3: Irene Phillips, John Phillips, Shirley Bixler, Donald Bixler
Bracket 4: Carolyn Alberta, Betsy Krystynak, Linda Hermanson, Lynn Sawyer

Saturday Morning Open Pairs

1. George Willis - Paul Soper
2. Eric Swanson - Aaron Carnes

Saturday Morning 199er Pairs

1. Jean Austin - Douglas Austin
2. Louis Akerman - Shirley Gardner

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

1. Shirley Spink - Anne West
2. Allen Bowman - Ronald Payne

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

1. Louis Akerman - Shirley Gardner
2. Gillian Berger - Jane Wienke

Friday/Saturday Knockout

- Bracket 1: David Sachs, Sue Sachs, Allan Deserpa, Michael Levy
Bracket 2: Bengt Bjernfalk, John Antliff, Donna Pasley, Frank Giuffreda
Bracket 3: Betsy Krystynak, Cece Knowles, Mary Jo Simunaci, Carolyn Alberta

Sunday Swiss A/X

1. Nicolai Minenko, Sydney Kaye, Peggy Craig, David Rinehart, B Robert Simrak

2. Bengt Bjernfalk, Frank Giuffreda, John Antliff, Marie Heald

Sunday Swiss B/C/D

1. Rao Bollimpalli, John Purdy, Vito Konur, Clair Kretschmann
2. Ann Day, Lanie Constable, Lee Erdman, Walter Mann

Sunday Swiss 199er

1. Karen Balch, Barbie Corbett, Ronald Gagne, Julie Harston
2. Cece Knowles, Donna Moore, Phyllis Alley, Cynthia Peters

2011 Unit Board

Five candidates were identified to run for the four open positions on the Board for 2011. Prior to the Annual Meeting one of the candidates withdrew their candidacy. Leaving four candidates for four positions. After conferring with the ACBL, District 17 and a review of our bylaws it was decided to make a motion at the Annual Meeting to accept the four candidates for the four open positions on the Board. The motion was made and seconded at the Annual Meeting and the attendees overwhelmingly approved the election of the four candidates: Adair Karlin, Steve Reynolds, Carolyn Reynolds and Barry Abrahams. It should be noted that other Units have used the same process.

At the October 17 Board meeting Julie Abrahams resigned as President of the Unit. Barry Abrahams was elected by vote of the Board to the position as President for the remainder of the 2010 year.

One 2010-2011 Board position was vacated with Julie Abrahams passing on November 3. Subsequently, the Board appointed Christie McDougall to that open position.

The resulting Board Members for 2011 are: Barry Abrahams, Prudence Cain, Dave Douglass, Adair Karlin, Christie McDougall, Joan Merrill, Jan Miller, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds and Lee Toomey. The Board will appoint one Unit member to the position of I/N Representative in early 2011. Please forward any recommendations or interest to Barry Abrahams at BarryLAbrahams@msn.com. Any nominee must be a Non-Life Master.

Julie Ruth Abrahams born in Los Angeles California on March 2, 1943, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2010 after a 13 year battle with breast cancer.

She is survived by husband Barry, son David of Waimea, Hawaii and his daughter, Puahaukea Blythe Abrahams, daughter Leslie and her partner Lance Martin of Tarzana, California and their son Dillon Jordan Martin.

Julie was bestowed with an “unbreakable spirit”, a great intellect and drive that allowed her to achieve many of the goals she set for herself in life.

While raising her two young children Julie decided to return to college and earn her degree. She subsequently graduated Cum Laude from California State University, Northridge with Bachelor of Arts in 1980.

Besides being an accomplished artist and graphic designer, in 1983 she founded Executech, a software company here in Tucson, fulfilling her goal to “run a business”. She received an unsolicited offer for the business in 1985 and sold it for a tidy profit.

In 2005, Julie decided to get serious about Duplicate Bridge and became an avid player. She recently earned her Bronze Life Master. Julie was appointed the I/N Representative on the Unit 356 Board in 2007 and the editor of the Desert Kibitzer. In 2008 she became the Unit Vice President and Publicity Chairman while continuing as editor of the Kibitzer. In 2010 Julie was elected President of Unit 356 and continued as Publicity Chairman. Julie resigned as President on October 17 while presiding at her final Board meeting.

Julie’s greatest love was reserved for her husband, children, Leslie’s partner Lance Martin and grandchildren of whom she was very proud and content.

Many thanks are offered to Dr. Robert Brooks and nurse practitioner Linda Moors of Arizona Oncology for their skill, encouragement and support over the last several years as well as the support from her many friends and “bridge buddies”.



WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Gene McDougall, Club Manager) adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net 3727 E Blackledge - 795-2441 www.adobebridgeclub.org	1:00pm Open	12:30pm Open 5pm NLM (Ventana)	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	9:00am NLM 1:00pm Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) albowmangv@cox.net members.cox.net/gvbridge		1:00pm Inv Canoa			1:00pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv Canoa	
High Desert Hands (Carol Lee Erbeck, Club Manager) carol@crazyedoptical.com 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites - 559-7894						12:00pm	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sunny Bal, Club Manager) contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com 401 E. Limberlost - 696-9101 www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com		12:30pm Open	9-11am Bid and Play 12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open & NLM 6:30p Open	12:30pm Open	10:00am Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) jotax123@aol.com 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke - 818-1727 Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			1:00pm			1:00pm	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club 744-4212 (James Richhart, Manager)— richhart@comcast.net On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd					9:00am Thru April 2010		
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) dldkay@cox.net 625-4027 or 237-1959 —600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church							12:30pm Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista 803-9564 , 432-3883 or dhard@cox.net www.sierravistabridge.com		12:30pm		12:30pm	6:30pm	12:30pm	

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4
			AD CG		MV SFG Sectional (Phoenix)	Adobe Closed Sectional (Phoenix)
December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11
AD CC LC ST CC Sectional (Phoenix)	AD, LC STaC	AD, LC STaC MV SFG	AD, LC STaC	AD, LC STaC	AD, LC STaC	AD, LC STaC
December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18
2 session STaC Unit Game Desert Diamond 9am	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	AD B Regional (Rancho Mirage)	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	AD Holiday Party Regional (Rancho Mirage)	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	LC CC/Holiday Regional (Rancho Mirage)
December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25
Regional (Rancho Mirage)	AD CC					Clubs Closed
December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	

Abbreviations: **AD**—Adobe, **LC**—Las Candelas, **MV**—Mountain View, **QH**—Queen of Hearts, **S**—Saguaro, **TM**—Thunder Mountain, **B**—Birthdays, **BAM**—Board-a-Match, **CAC**—Club Appreciation Championship, **CC**—Club Championship, **CG**—Charity Game, **MAG**—Member Appreciation Game, **NLM**—Non Life Master, **IN**—Intermediate/Novice, **SFG**—Special Fund Game, **SR**—Sectionally Rated, **ST**—Swiss Teams, **UWC**—Unit Wide Championship, **WWP**—World Wide Pairs