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February 2010

February Events

February 6th

Intl. Fund Game
(Local clubs)

February 7th

Unit Game
(Las Candelas) 1pm

Feb 12-15 Sectional
(El Paso) & (Glendale)

February 18-20

Sectional (Sedona)

February 20th

Progressive KO #2
(Adobe) 1pm

February 21st

GNT Qualifier**
(Adobe) 10:am

February 22nd

ACBL Senior Game
(Local Clubs)

February 25-28

NLM Regional
Desert Diamond

** Two Session Event
Lunch included

Welcome New

Members

Diane Bixby
Joan Brown
Richard Brown
Jim Coe
Terry Coe
Cecelia Daves
Diane Ferrell
Lorey Sass
Chuck Shaul
Diane Steward

Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(8.90) Carol Pilmar; (5.61) Chris Karabinas; (5.56) Joel Hessel; (5.30) Sandra Davis;
(5.30) Donald David; (5.13) Bengt Bjernfalk; (4.10) Julie Harris; (3.80) Anita Weis;
(3.71) Ann Day and (3.63) Margaret Linaburg

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(7.11) Ted Walden; (5.60) Lorraine Vonk; (5.28) Tom Kennedy; (5.28) Julie Kennedy;
(4.19) Russ Stowers; (4.65) Mike Creg; (4.07) Karen Eble; (3.88) Joyce Lenz;
(3.85) Ted Fonesand and (3.60) Allen Bowman

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(9.94) Judson Jones; (8.69) Nancy Holt; (7.92) Walter Mann; (6.10) Bud Smith and (5.73) Pat Tierney

Master Point Winners 500-1000

(9.96) Joy Rieckers; (7.69) Marian Wilson; (7.57) David Chakmakian;
(7.44) Sunand Bal and (6.47) Ann Day

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

A: (3.85) John Wolfe; (2.36) Donna DePesa; (2.36) Gene Depesa;
(2.30) Jeffrey Lesser and (2.30) Sheila Lesser
B: (2.95) Ameil Goodman; (2.04) Vicki Hanson; (1.69) Ann Kuperberg;
(1.35) Ron Morris and (0.88) Robert Murray

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

With sincere apologies for my oversight in the January issue. November Winners:
(6.65) Sue & David Sachs; (3.28) Margret Salazar; (3.10) Jean James; (2.84) Fran Herrmann &
Fran Schatz; (2.60) Jim Howland; (2.28) Val Armentrout; (2.22) Jeffrey Blake and
(2.20) Christie & Eugene McDougall. **December Winners:** (5.01) Russ Stowers;
(4.10) Ted Walden; (3.79) Julie & Tom Kennedy; (3.26) Mary & Ralph Egger;
(2.32) Jim Howland; (2.13) Mary & Bob Baptist; (2.12) Joyce Lenz and (2.12) Erni Perkins

Over 70% Games

(73.40) Martin Schiff and Ken Badertscher; (72.91) Linda Johnson and
LaDonna Palm; (72.36) Julie and Tom Kennedy; (71.88) Dave Jaskar and
Dick Fontaine; (71.88) Revell Rayne and Shirley Wicklund;
(71.24) George Good and Louis Herbster
(70.45) Randy Mandigo and Larry Dunham

Recent Rank Advances

Junior Master: Stuart Cohen and
Hans Moser

Club Master: Cynthia Peters and
Thomas Ungar

Sectional Master: Nancy Clarke

NABC Master: Amiel Goodman

Life Master: Karen Call

Silver Life Master: Stan Behr

Gold Life Master: Jo Fritz

Adobe *By Wagner Van Vlack*

High Games:

(73.40) Martin Schiff and Ken Badertscher; (72.91) Linda Johnson and LaDonna Palm; (71.88) Dave Jaskar and Dick Fontaine; (71.88) Revell Rayne and Shirley Wicklund; (71.24) George Good and Louis Herbster; (70.45) Randy Mandigo and Larry Dunham; (67.31) Martin Schiff and Michael Levy; (66.99) Martin Schiff and Ken Badertscher; (66.67) Bob Simrak and Nancy Atherton; (66.48) Al Oakland and Jane Oakland; (66.19) Nancy Stewart and Suzanne Kinnear; (66.06) Linda Johnson and LaDonna Palm; (65.42) Fran Francis and Larry de Lucia; (65.22) Diana McGinn and Steve Reynolds; (65.24) Nancy Stewart and Sarah Nicewander and (65.06) Naomi Smith and Sarah Nicewander.

Special Events:

Tuesday **Feb. 9** – Birthday Cake Game Friday, **Feb. 19** – Club Championship Game, Sunday **Feb. 14** – Club Championship and Valentine's Celebration, Monday **Feb. 22** – ACBL Senior Game.

Las Candelas *By Sunny Bal*

Master Point Winners Over 1500:

(13.71) Dave Douglass; (13.16) Jean Montague; (12.81) Nona Dale;
(12.63) Eric Swanson and (9.12) Lionel Larriva

65% Games:

(66.67) Kathy Ball + Karen Swanberg; (65.37) Eric Swanson + Jean Montague;
(65.97) Brian McCarthy + Bob Simrak; (65.23) Dave Douglass + Don O'Bryan;
(65.89) Irma Ashley + Tony Dare and (65.54) Eric Swanson + Jean Montague

Announcements:

Club Championship will be **February 10th**. Sunday Swiss **February 28th**.

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

High Scores:

(68.52) Tom & Julie Kennedy;
(68.32) Ted Fones & Ted Walden;
(67.36) Ted Fones & Ted Walden;
(67.26) Al Bowman & Russ Stowers;
(67.05) Dave & Sue Sachs;
(66.96) Al Bowman & Ted Walden;
(65.97) Dick Mullins & Lorraine Vonk;
(65.74) Warren & Nancy Fuesz and
(65.40) Dave & Sue Sachs

49'ers TOP GAMES

(68.24) Donna DeMeerleer & Mary Jo Simmon;
(67.97) Richard & Kate Meyer and
(65.68) Mary Ellen Lesko & Nancy Myers



Unit Wide Championship

Flight A

1. Lillian Mahvi - Anne West
2. Marc R Hay - Larry Scott
3. Ronald Morris - Eric Vonderheid

Flight B

1. Lillian Mahvi - Anne West
2. Marc R Hay - Larry Scott
3. Ronald Morris - Eric Vonderheid

Flight C

1. Ronald Morris - Eric Vonderheid
2. Gwen Becker - Gayle Fitzgerald
3. Shirley Senofsky - Jacqueline Gillette

199 Flight A

1. Nancy Sweat - Rudolf Martinez
2. Mary Jo Simmon - Mary Jo Simunaci
3. John Beers - DW Stonecipher

199 Flight B

1. John Beers - DW Stonecipher
2. Dorothy Kerbel - Lee Barnes
3. Bonita Hjerpe - Nancy Myers

199 Flight C

1. John Beers - DW Stonecipher
2. Dorothy Kerbel - Lee Barnes
3. Bonita Hjerpe - Nancy Myers



Mountain View *By Ron Morris*

The MountainView Duplicate Bridge Club conducts duplicate bridge games on Tuesday and Friday of each week in the DesertView 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.

We had eight sessions in December. Pairs with better than 60% games include: Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser (three times); Donna & Gene DePesa; Amiel Goodman & John Wolfe; Vicki Hanson & Barbara Feeley.

Announcements:

We will hold eight sessions in February, with a Club Championship on **Friday the 12th**.

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

November High Scores:

(68.49) Sue & David Sachs;
(68.06) Jean James & Anne West;
(65.51) Jim Howland & Jeffrey Blake and
(65.34) Margret Salazar & Frank Giuffreda

December High Scores

(72.36) Julie & Tom Kennedy;
(69.79) Russ Stowers & Ted Walden;
(69.35) Sue & David Sachs;
(67.67) Arni & Gene Maki;
(65.82) Ramona Bruce & Sharon Demmons and
(65.31) Mary & Ralph Egger

Announcements:

International Fund Game

February 6th.

Again I apologize for my error last month.

Unit Game

January 4, 2010 (18 tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Marie Heald - Sarah Nicewander
2. Jinny Anderson - Joyce Rieckers
3. Fran Hammond - Mary Maxwell

Flight B—Overall

1. Jinny Anderson - Joyce Rieckers
2. Margaret Curvin - Eileen Sherlock
3. Elisabeth Leggett - Betty Compton

Flight C—Overall

1. Margaret Curvin - Eileen Sherlock
2. Alan Ravitz - Evonne Ravitz
3. William Schelstrate - Derek Graybill

Lessons *By Barbara Feeley*

Planning Your Entries

There's nothing more important in playing a hand than the ability to get back and forth from one hand to the other. The mechanism for that movement is entries and timing (the order of taking tricks). The time to think about entries and the order of play is before you play to the first trick. By taking a moment to plan the play of the hand before playing to the first trick, you save time by being able to play continuously all thirteen tricks. Use the trump suit as your first objective for entries. You need to handle the trump suit anyway, so consider possible entries there. Most often it's the weak hand that has limited entries, so save those entries whenever you can. By advancing the play in your mind, you might see how many times you need to be in the weak hand to do the finessing you need or to take tricks on that side. Don't forget that even very small cards can be entries if you hold enough of the high cards. These are the steps in your thinking process about entries: (1) Determine how many entries you need for your plan. (2) Recognize the entries that are available or could be made available. (3) Preserve what entries you have. (4) Decide what you need to do to create entries if you need more than are apparent. (5) Follow through on your plan with faith and conviction. Good luck!



Cactus Flower Regional

February 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2010 at the **NEW Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino**. The tournament is for any player under 500 points who is **NOT** a Life Master. There will be a reception at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 25th for **Jerry Fleming**, District 17 National Board member and former President of the ACBL. We invite all players to join us to meet Jerry and your Unit Board. We look forward to seeing you.

Rules *By Dave Douglass*

PLUCKED??---PLAYED!!

It's maddening when someone pulls a card from his/her hand, holds it seemingly forever above the table and then returns it to his/her hand only to pull yet another. It's bad enough when it's the opponent, but when your partner does it, you wonder why can't he/she make up his/her mind. Aside from the uncertainty generated, this practice is illegal and may create unauthorized information. The January, 2010 Bridge Bulletin addresses this issue in "Ruling the Game", page 29 by Mike Flader. "An opening lead made face down on the table, required by Law 41A, may be withdrawn only upon instructions by the director. It is a violation of correct procedure to detach a card prematurely (Law 45A). A card detached by a defender is played if his partner could have seen it (Law 45C1). For a declarer, if the detached card is on or near the table, or held in such a position to indicate that is played, then it is a played card (Law 45C2). Prematurely detaching a card may indeed create Unauthorized Information (Law 16B)".

In short—if you pluck it, play it!!!

Your New 2010 Board of Directors

President—Julie Abrahams
Vice President—Marge Curvin
Secretary—Jan Miller
Treasurer—Lee Toomey
Tournament Chairman—Barry Abrahams
By-Laws Chairman—Laura Woods
Caddy Master—Marge Curvin
Club Manager—Brenda Sonderegger
Conduct and Ethics—Dave Douglass
Education—Don O'Bryan
Hospitality—Joan Merrill and Prudy Cain
I/N Representative—Laura Woods
Kibitzer—Julie Abrahams
Membership—Brenda Sonderegger
Partnerships—Jan Miller
I/N Partnerships—Marge Curvin
Publicity—Julie Abrahams
Sergeant at Arms—Barry Abrahams
Web Master—Barry Abrahams

I/N Corner *By Laura Woods*

Happy to see lots of NLMs at the recent sectional at Desert Diamond Casino! Hope everyone did well or at least got a good taste of tournament bridge! Gentle play reminder: When you are on lead, proceed with getting your card on the table before you record the contract on your score card. This expedites play of the hand and is in accordance with ACBL procedures. Looking forward to the next NLM at Desert Diamond the end of February. See you there!



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 Open	12:30pm Open 5pm NLM (Ventana)	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open & Under 20	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	Swiss Teams 1:00pm 4th Sun— D,J,F,M,&A	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					9:00am Thru April 2010		
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 – February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6
						<i>Intl Fund Game</i> (Local Clubs)
February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13
<i>Unit Game</i> (Las Candelas) 1pm		<i>B A</i>	<i>CC LC</i>		<i>CC MV</i> Sectional (El Paso) (Glendale)	Sectional (El Paso) (Glendale)
February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20
<i>CC A</i> Sectional (El Paso) (Glendale)	Sectional (El Paso) (Glendale)			Sectional (Sedona)	<i>CC A</i> Sectional (Sedona)	<i>Progressive KO #2</i> (Adobe) 1pm Sectional (Sedona)
February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27
<i>GNT Qualifier**</i> (Adobe) 10am	<i>ACBL Seniors</i> <i>Game</i> (Local Clubs)			<i>NLM Regional</i> (Desert Diamond)		
February 28						

Abbreviations: A— Adobe, LC — Las Candelas, MV — Mountain View, QH — 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