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BRIDGE NEWS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA
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January 2010

January Events

January 3—1:00pm

Unit Game (Adobe)

January 7-10

Sectional

New Desert Diamond

January 15

Unit Wide Champ

January 16—1:00pm

Progressive KO

Adobe

(No Open Game)

January 17—10:00am

GNT Qualifier**

Las Candelas

January 18-24

Regional

(Albuquerque)

January 24—1:00pm

Pro/Am Swiss

Adobe

January 28-31

Sectional

(Yuma)

** Two Session Event
Lunch included

Note

The GNT Qualifier date

IS January 17th

NOT January 14th

Welcome New Members

Karen Carlson,
Susan Connor,
John Fony,
Bill Hall, Linda Hall,
Kay Merrima,
Rick Ocker, and
Adam Rosenbaum

Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(15.17)Michael Smith; (10.60)Carol Pilmar; (10.24)Linda Lineberry;
(8.88)Chris Karabinas and (7.58)Judith A. Chaffee

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(20.34)Martin Schiff Jr; (17.99)Kenneth Badertscher; (15.60)Van Vlack;
(15.20)Michael Levy and (14.57)B Robert Simrak

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(12.88)Dave Sachs; (12.88)Sue Sachs; (7.82)Brenda Sonderegger;
(7.55)Anne West; (7.43)Donna Pasley; (7.11)Russ Stowers; (6.26)Ron Payne;
(6.08)Jim Howlan; (5.86)Lillian Mahvi and (5.85) Pat McCoy

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(10.68)Walter Mann; (6.00)Jackie Gillette; (3.86)Bettina Thompson;
(3.50) Paul Yantz and(3.38) Judson Jones

Master Point Winners 500—1000

(9.20)Loretta Wood;(7.74)David Chakmakian;(7.36)Marian Wilson;
(6.81)Ann Day and(6.79)Muriel Budzien



Top Games

(75.00) Herb & Patricia Graffweg;
(70.37) Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy

Recent Rank Advances

Club Master: Ellie Eigen,
Julie Harston and Treva Wisdom
Sectional Master:
Patricia Anderson, Betty Blackmer,
Anne Roberts and Carol Szympruch
Regional Master: Michael Dech,
Carol Erbeck, DalenGoetz,
Vito Konur, Jerry Paugh and

John Purdy

NABC Master: Lanie Constable and
Eileen Sherlock

Life Master: John Arnold

Bronze Life Master:

Clair Kretschmann

Silver Life Master: Carol Skomars
and Arthur Warrick

Gold Life Master: Gene DePesa

Adobe *By Wagner Van Vlack*

High Games:

(70.37)Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy; (68.06)Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy;
(67.08)Betty Compton - Maria Morris; (66.67)Kelly Bright - Peg Bright;
(66.55)Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher; (66.25)Adair M Karlin - Judith A. Chaffee';
(65.83)Percy Brown and Bob Felicetti;
(65.22)Larry Dunham - Randall Mandigo and (65.63)Bois - Charlotte Weller



Las Candelas *By Sunny Bal*

Master Point Winners:

Over 1500:

(15.75)Nona Dale;(14.10)Eric Swanson;(7.84)Barbara Feeley;
(7.23)Dave Douglass and(5.22)Lionel Larriva

65% Games:

(68.52)Joan Ryan + Emily Meschter; (67.63)Frank Giuffreda +
Barbara Feeley; (67.16)Colleen Prust + Jeri Vanatta;
(66.50)Jill Berger + Jane Wienke; (66.39)Mary Dixon + Nona Dale;
(66.35)Jo Ann Aiken + Nona Dale;(65.22)Judson Jones + Tony Dare
and (65.06)Myra De Byle + Y Onsey Karasek

Announcements:

Club Championships on Tuesday, **12th** and Thursday,
28th. Sunday Swiss **January 31st**. Precision Classes 3 weeks
starting Monday 11th at 9am. Reservations please. Instructor
Eric Swanson. \$30 includes handouts. Jokes are free!

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

High Scores:

(75.00)Herb & Patricia Graffweg;
(69.35)Dave & Sue Sachs;
(67.36)Dave & Sue Sachs;
(66.85)Ruth Ford & Ann King;
(66.67)Bob & Mary Baptist;
(66.29)Benita Hjerpe & Nancy Myers;
(66.06)Margret Salazar &
Emmanuel Vuvunas;
(65.65)Dot Elliott & Edith Hawkins;
(65.63)Richard & Kate Meyer;
(65.28)Val Armentrout &
Donna Pasley;
(65.25)Karen Eble & Benita Nelson
and
(65.05)Vince Fragomeni & Ron Payne

Thunder Mountain

By Chris Hasney

High Scores:

(68.4%)Margarete Gallaer and
Katy Vaughn;
(67.7%)Peggy Wilder and Diana
Smith and (65.7%)Marc Hay and
Larry Scott

Players of the Month:

Howard and Lola Thompson placed
1st in Flight C of the Southern
Arizona Championships. Mary
Blanchard and Jan Dragoo also
placed in the overalls of that event.

Masters of the Month:

Life Master of the month is Paul
Soper. Non Life Master of the
month is Marc Hay.



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Two Session Unit Game

December 6th (43 tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. David Sachs - Sue Sachs
2. Marie Heald - Frank Giuffreda
3. Sunand Bal - William Schelstrate

Flight B—Overall

1. Sunand Bal - William Schelstrate
2. Rosemary Wade - Henry Williams
3. Bud Smith - Nancy Holt

Flight C—Overall

1. Bud Smith - Nancy Holt
2. Rosemary Brophy - Lillian Mahvi
3. R Michael Montigne - David Ashby

299er Overall

1. Douglas Austin - Jean Austin
2. Mike Orr - John Fonyi
3. Ruth Houkom - Kathy Parker

I/N Corner *By Janet Andrews*

The 2-Session Game and Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec 6, 2009 was a raving success!! There were a total of 44 tables (12 of which were NLMs), and the food by Steve Reynolds was truly something to rave about. If you didn't make it this year put December 12, 2010 on your calendar **now** before your schedule gets too full. And many thanks to the Unit for providing such a wonderful party! Be sure and check your email the last week of December for the next issue of I/N the News that will contain details of all the exciting games and tournaments starting in January, 2010.

Lessons *By Barbara Feelev*

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.

Progressive KO's

January 16, 2010 is the first of the three progressive Knock-outs for the season. This session will be held at Adobe. Pre-registration is not mandatory, but would be appreciated. Please contact Christie McDougall at ecmc@cox.net or (520) 548-8770. This has proven to be an exciting and fun event. We hope to see you all there.

Board-A-Match

Flight A—Overall **November 22nd**

1. Reynolds - Kinnear - Eleanor Horton - N Stewart
2. Norvelle - Merrill - Sarah Nicewander - Al Peters
3. Hackbarth - Herrmann - Vonk - Franz Schatz

Flight B—Overall

1. Barry Abrahams - Julie Abrahams - Prudence Cain - Tom Cain



Winter Sectional

January 7-10 at the **NEW** Desert Diamond Hotel and Conference Center—7350 S. Nogales Hwy. 85756
(520) 294-7777
See you all there

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
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 – January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					January 1	January 2
January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9
<i>Unit Game</i> (Adobe) - 1pm				<i>Sectional</i> (Desert Diamond)	<i>Sectional</i> (Desert Diamond)	<i>Sectional</i> (Desert Diamond)
January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16
<i>Sectional</i> (Desert Diamond)		CC LC			<i>Unit Wide Champ</i> (Local Clubs)	<i>Progressive KO</i> (Adobe) - 1pm NO Open game
January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23
<i>GNT Qualifier**</i> (Las Candelas) 10am—2 session	Regional (Albuquerque)	Regional (Albuquerque)	Regional (Albuquerque)	Regional (Albuquerque)	Regional (Albuquerque)	Regional (Albuquerque)
January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30/31
Regional (Albuquerque)				CC LC Sectional (Yuma)	Sectional (Yuma)	<i>Pro/Am Swiss</i> (Adobe) - 1pm—31st Sectional (Yuma) 30th/31st

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