



Desert Kibitzer



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March Events

March 5-7th
 Sectional (San Diego)

March 7th
 Unit Game

(Las Candelas) 1pm

March 11-21st
 NABC (Reno)

March 17th
 ACBL Charity Game PM
 (Local Clubs)

March 26
 Unit Wide Championship
 (Local Clubs)

March 27th
 Progressive KO#3
 (Adobe)

March 29-April 4th
 Regional (San Diego)

March 2010

Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(11.85) Sydney Kaye; (8.59) Carol Pilmar; (5.91) Nadine Schacht;
 (5.84) Margaret Linaburg and (5.70) Adair M Karlin

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(13.46) Nicolai Minenko; (13.34) George Good; (11.68) Wagner Van Vlack;
 (10.50) Larry D Hudgens and (10.19) Naomi Smith

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(10.65) Dick Lindquist; (8.89) Brenda Sonderegger; (8.59) Ron Payne; (8.06) Ted Walden;
 (7.79) Dick Grannis; (7.56) Julie Kenndy; (7.44) Roy Mastic; (7.15) Ray Austin;
 (6.25) Butch Vuvunas and (6.15) Tom Kennedy

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(8.46) Walter Mann; (6.82) Vito Konur; (6.40) Pat Tierney;
 (5.97) Jacqueline Gillette and (5.86) Barbara Dever

Master Point Winners 500-1000

(10.59) Karen Swanberg; (8.76) Diana Humphreys; (7.93) Sharon Terrill;
 (7.93) Gary Terrill and (7.16) James Richhart

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

A: (6.65) Bob Stotts; (4.30) Barb Feeley; (4.03) Bob Brussel and (3.48) Carl Kallina
B: (3.81) Betty Meyer; (3.81) Bob Murray; (2.90) Ann Kuperberg and
 (2.67) Amiel Goodman

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(6.52) Joyce Lenz; (6.30) Fran Herrmann & Franz Schatz; (5.79) Tom Kent;
 (4.60) Donna Pasley; (4.02) Marty & Mary Ann Allen; (3.91) Richard Lindquist and
 (3.24) Emmanuel Vuvunas & Ernestine Perkins

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

(7.18) Paul Soper, Marc Hay, George Willis, Larry Scott, Don Hard, Margarete Gallara,
 Diana Smith, Peggy Wilder, Shirley Cole, and Donna Anderson (2.96)

Over 70% Games

(74.31) Val Armentrout and Donna Pasley; (71.53) Lillian Mahvi and Anne West;
 (71.16) Pam Circuit and Jim Kerr; (70.50) Marc Hay and Larry Scott;
 (70.43) Dave and Sue Sachs and (70.14) Ray Austin & Roy Mastic

Special Unit

Game—April

The April 25th Unit
 Game will be a **Swiss
 Team Event.** Make up
 a team and join the fun
 at Las Candelas!

Welcome New Members

Sue Cahill
 Mary Charters
 Danni Geronov
 Gary Gibson
 Laura Gibson
 Rita Irwin-Davidson
 Hedy Miller
 James Nichols
 Lois Sheering

To All: I have enjoyed being your editor on the Kibitzer for the last three years. Since I am now President of the Unit, it is time for me to turn over the reins. Christie McDougall has graciously agreed to become your new editor. Thank you all for your support.—Julie

Adobe *By Wagner Van Vlack*

Job Announcement for *Club Manager*

The Adobe Bridge Club Board of Directors is seeking someone to fulfill the job of club manager. Qualifications for the position include membership in the American Contract Bridge League and general familiarity with the game of contract bridge. The Adobe Board is also looking for someone with good social skills who can provide an inviting and attractive environment for everyone who wants to play bridge.

The following list describes the main duties required for the job:

- Enact the policies of the Adobe board
- Create and present an annual game calendar for Board approval
- Schedule & manage the directors
- Conduct the necessary business with the ACBL
- Purchase all supplies within budget limits
- Manage all cash handling including bank deposits
- Oversee the general management of the Club facility; provide a clean and attractive club
- Supervise directors: train on equipment use, handling cash and general services
- Attend Adobe Board meetings.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please send a letter of interest that includes your qualifications to:
Ruth Houkom, Club Secretary—Adobe Bridge Club, 3727 E. Blacklidge Tucson, AZ 85716

Or, rhoukom@comcast.net

Job search closing deadline is May 15, 2009.

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

High Scores:

(67.80) Donna Pasley & Sharon Demmons;
(67.53) Tom Kent & Richard Lindquist;
(66.84) Fran Herrmann & Franz Schatz and
(65.26) Joanne Franson & Ted Fones

Mountain View *By Ron Morris*

Pairs with better than 60% games include:
Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser; Ed Anderson & Bob Stotts; Dean Frost & Vicki Hanson; Ron Morris & Eric Vonderheid; Jo Ann & Roy Aiken; Nona Dale & Barbara Feeley; John Wolfe & Amiel Goodman; Robert Brussel & Carl Kallina; Roberta Goldstein & Jane Pendley; Marian Solari & Anne Roberts; Rosemary Wade & Henry Williams; Ron Morris & Dean Frost; Robert Brussel & Jim Huble; Sara Doonan & Leo Pigaty; Bob & Mary Stotts.

Announcements:

We conduct 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 will hold nine sessions in March including a Unit Wide Championship on Tuesday the 26th and a Charity Game on the 16th. Regular games on other days.

Las Candelas *By Sunny Bal*

Master Point Winners Over 1500:

(28.19) Eric Swanson; (16.32) Dave Douglass; (16.13) Nona Dale;
(14.16) Jean Montague and (7.73) Lionel Larriva

65% Games:

(65.74) Joy Rieckes & Karen Swanberg; (65.97) Eric Swanson & Lionel Larriva;
(66.00) Louis Herbster & Phylliss Herbster; (66.30) Nicolai Minenko & Dave Rinehart;
(66.67) Robert Brussel & Carl Kalina; (66.90) Sunand Bal & Eric Swanson;
(66.95) Jean Montague & Imogene Olcott; (67.63) Richhart & Morgan Hunter;
(68.19) Eric Swanson & Helen Cherry; and (69.14) Nona Dale & Eric Swanson

Announcements:

Club Championships will be on Friday the 5th and Monday the 15th.
The Unit wide Championship is on Friday the 26th. Don't forget the Sunday Swiss Team event on the 28th.

Thunder Mountain

By Chris Hasney

Monthly Masters:

Life master was Paul Soper, and
Non Life Master was Marc Hay

High Scores:

(70.50) Marc Hay and Larry Scott
(good for 2nd overall in the Unit
Championship game);
(67.4) Paul Soper and Katy Vaughn;
(65.1) Paul Soper and George Willis and
(65.0) Paul Soper and Don Hard

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

High Scores:

(74.31) Val Armentrout & Donna Pasley;
(71.53) Lillian Mahvi & Anne West;
(70.43) Dave & Sue Sachs;
(70.14) Ray Austin & Roy Mastic;
(68.98) Joan Schild & Bob Wharton;
(68.98) John Arnold & Morris Lamb;
(67.86) Jeff Blake & Dick Grannis;
(67.19) Fran Herrmann & Franz Schatz;
(66.67) James Fletcher & Chris Martin;
(66.50) Tom & Julie Kennedy;
(66.44) Bob & Mary Baptist;
(65.82) Lynda Kexel & Gail Meyer;
(65.69) Tom Kent & Dick Lindquist;
(65.51) Mary Ann Allen & Lee Toomey;
(65.51) Dick Grannis & Dick Lindquist and
(65.13) Ted Fones & Ted Walden

Unit Game

February 7, 2010 (16Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Arthur Warrick - Shan Warrick
2. Dave Douglass - Jean Montague
3. Ann Day - Lionel Larriva

Flight B—Overall

1. Arthur Warrick - Shan Warrick
2. William Schelstrate - Derek Graybill
3. Vito Konur - Rao Bollimpalli

Flight C—Overall

1. William Schelstrate - Derek Graybill
2. Jane Klug - Jackie Foster
3. Gary Rosenwinkel - Lavonne Rosenwinkel

Lessons *By Barbara Feeley*

Balancing

Bidding by the defensive side when opening side is stopping at a 7 or 8 trick contract. It's based on the "Balance of Power Principle," and requires that the player in balancing (pass-out) position, bid the values in his hand and partner's hand combined. Surely you've read articles about such behavior and have been encouraged to balance by bidding a suit or doubling when in pass-out position. Today's hand is an exception, or an example of when not to balance.

Left hand opponent opens One Club in a standard bidding system, followed by two passes. You have an opening hand:

Qx
xx
AQJxxx
Qxx

If you choose to overcall One Diamond with this hand, more harm than good will follow, as opening side may well simply find their best major suit fit and their best level. This time, because of your major suit weakness, you are likely better off to pass!

Recent Rank Advances

Junior Master: James Cosmas, Patsy Fontaine, Richard Fontaine, Donald Gehret and James Kerr

Club Master: David Burks, Mary Derrick Calhoun, Seymour Einstein, Alfred Oakland, Mike Orr, Jeanne Paul and Irwin Rosman

Sectional Master: Barbie Corbett and Janet Kelm

Regional Master: Louis Akerman, Carolyn Alberta, Franklin Colgan,

Donna Demeerleer, Elizabeth Howe, Betty Meyer and John Schocke

NABC Master: Kay Coombs, Yvette Gormley, Adair Karlin and Felice Rolfes

Life master: Florence Gado, Diana McGinn, Patrick Tierney, Lenore Toomey, Barbara Whitman and William Whitman

Bronze Master: Brenda Sonderegger

Silver Life Master: Shelton Howland, Julia Sherman, Michael Smith, Wagner Van Vlack and Shan Warrick

I/N Corner *By Laura Woods*

Want to improve your game? Can't always get to the club? Try bridgebase.com and play online anytime. Registration and play are free. If you want to get Master Points however, there is a reasonable fee. For you iPhone/iPod aficionados, there's iBridgBaron. Even lets you choose your bidding system. It's available through bridgebaron.com. ATTENTION ASPIRING WRITERS: Janet Andrews has resigned from the I/N newsletter and we're looking for contributors to keep this publication alive and well. Contact me at 531-1933 or Julie Abrahams at 615-1712 if you're interested.

Tucson's Spring Sectional

April 15, 16, 17 & 18 back again at the *Holiday Inn*. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Spring Sectional where you can earn your silver points. We will of course have a section for our under 200 point players. We offer coffee and tea, candy, lectures, pre-dealt hands with hand records and lunch for our two session swiss team players on Sunday. See our flyer for details or go to SouthernArizonaBridge.com.

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UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: PRESIDENT: Julie Abrahams ♥ VICE PRESIDENT: Marge Curvin ♥ TREASURER: Barry Abrahams ♥ SECRETARY: Jan Miller

♥ TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Barry Abrahams ♥ ASST. TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Lee Toomey ♥ PARTNERSHIPS: Jan Miller & Marge Curvin for I/N events

♥ CLUB MANAGER: Brenda Sonderegger ♥ EDUCATION: Don O'Bryan ♥ MEMBERSHIP: Brenda Sonderegger ♥ I/N REPRESENTATIVE: Laura Woods ♥ KIBITZER: Christie McDougall

♥ CONDUCT AND ETHICS: Dave Douglass ♥ HOSPITALITY: Joan Merrill & Prudy Cain ♥ PUBLICITY: Julie Abrahams ♥ DISTRICT 17 REP: Gene McDougall

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 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	9:30am NLM (Casita) 12:30pm 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 – March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6
					CC LC Sectional (San Diego)	Sectional (San Diego)
March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13
Unit Game (Las Candelas) 1pm Sectional (San Diego)				NABC (Reno)	NABC (Reno)	NABC (Reno)
March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20
NABC (Reno)	CC LC NABC (Reno)	NABC (Reno)	ACBL Charity Game (Local Clubs) NABC (Reno)	NABC (Reno)	NABC (Reno)	NABC (Reno)
March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27
NABC (Reno)					Unit Wide Champ (Local Clubs)	Progressive KO #3 A
March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31			
	Regional -April 4th (San Diego)	Regional -April 4th (San Diego)	Regional -April 4th (San Diego)			

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