

Unit 356



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August 2012

## August Events

### August 19

Unit Game (Las Candelas)

### August 31 - September 3

Sectional (El Paso)

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## Welcome New Members

K G Fincher  
Betty Johnson  
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Mark Leibowitz  
Tina Mendenhall

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## **June Monthly Masterpoint Winners**

### **Adobe Bridge Club**

#### ***Master Point Winners Under 1000***

(9.61) William Schelstrate, (7.38) Charlotte Weller, (7.32) Suzanne Kinnear  
(7.30) Karen Balch, (6.51) Jere Webb

#### ***Master Point Winners Over 1000***

(22.36) Kenneth Badertscher, (21.92) B Robert Simrak, (18.05) Larry Dunham  
(15.86) Richard Plumer, (15.84) Lawrence De Lucia

### **Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club**

#### ***Top Ten Master Point Winners***

(7.68) Ron Payne, (7.25) Jeff Blake, (6.82) Ted Walden, (6.38) Dick Grannis  
(5.29) Fran Herrmann, (5.28) Karen Eble, (5.19) Benita Nelson  
(4.83) Franz Schatz, (4.67) Nora Tkacz, (4.51) Al Bowman

### **Las Candelas Bridge Club**

#### ***Master Point Winners Under 500***

(5.03) Barbie Corbett, (4.82) Joyce Fey, (4.56) Bettina Thompson  
(4.56) John Piet, (4.49) Lanie Constable

#### ***Master Point Winners 501-1500 and Open***

(17.47) Aaron Carnes, (16.21) Karen Swanberg, (13.87) Marty Chakmakian  
(13.87) David Chakmakian, (13.86) Adair Karlin

### **Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club**

A: (8.13) Vicki Hanson, (5.88) Sara Doonan, (5.88) Leo Pigaty  
(5.36) Jo Ann Aiken, (4.12) Dean Frost

B: (3.59) Martha Winn, (3.59) Linda Ascher  
(2.96) Betty Edwards, (2.18) Midge Miller

### **Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club**

#### ***Top Master Point Winners***

(7.61) Ted Kurrus, (6.53) Jo Morrison, (6.15) Ted Fones, (5.93) Ted Walden  
(5.11) Lillian Mahvi, (4.33) Russ Stowers, (4.33) Roberta Stowers  
(4.21) Patricia Kirk, (4.21) Robert Reiersen, (3.80) Lorraine Vonk

### **Thunder Mountain Bridge Club**

#### ***Top Master Point Winners***

(11.66) Paul Soper, (10.78) Marc R Hay, (8.93) George Willis, (5.58) James Cobis  
(5.49) Robert Walton, (5.05) Jim Handy, (4.83) Katy Vaughn  
(4.70) Larry Scott, (4.35) Diana Smith, (3.64) Judy Shelnett

### **Over 70% Games**

(72.45) Bob & Mary Baptist  
(70.83) Vern & Dorothy Ebert  
(70.74) Diana Smith - Jim Handy  
(70.37) Martin Schiff - Michael Levy  
(70%) Hanson - Frost

**Las Candelas** *By Sunny Bal/Eric Swanson*

**65% Games**

(70.37) Martin Schiff - Michael Levy; (69.44) Aaron Carnes - Derek Graybill  
(67.86) Dave Douglass - Derek Graybill; (67.50) Rita Smiyh - Geri Biggs  
(66.67) Lynda Thomas - Karen Swanberg; (66.20) Jean Montague - Adair Carlin  
(66.07) Jean Montague - Aaron Carnes; (65.74) Ann Day - Al Peters  
(65.50) Kathy Ball - Reginald Graves; (65.34) Kathy Ball - Barbara Rosenthal

Join us for Summer STaC August 20 through 24.

**Saguaro** *By Doris Kuzmak*

**65% Games**

(68.63) Ted Kurrus & Jo Morrison; (67.92) Russ & Roberta Stowers  
(66.93) Arni & Gene Maki; (65.92) Ted Kurrus & Jo Morrison  
(65.14) Marilyn Hendricks & Barbara Rosenthal

The World Wide Bridge Contest held at Saguaro on June 2 resulted in Roberta & Russ Stowers placing 3rd in the World. They were playing against 5328 pairs in 265 clubs. Their club game converted to a 71.11% overall. They were 1st in Zone 3 which was comprised of 2999 pairs in 138 clubs and 1st in the US against 2545 pairs in 115 clubs. WAY TO GO RUSS & BOBBIE!!!

Check out our web page for upcoming special events.

**Green Valley** *By Allen Bowman*

**Top Games**

(72.45) Bob & Mary Baptist  
(69.91) Al Bowman & Franz Schatz  
(66.67) Ron Payne & Donna Moore  
(65.97) Paul Black & Al Bowman  
(65.74) Mary Bonham & Kathy Schiemann  
(65.74) Jeff Blake & Alyce Shoenhard  
(65.51) Nancy Myers & Darlene Notti  
(65.48) Jeff Blake & Dick Grannis  
(65.43) Fran Herrmann & Franz Schatz  
(65.28) Jeff Blake & Jim Howland

**49er Top Games**

(70.83) Vern & Dorothy Ebert  
(68.00) Vern & Dorothy Ebert

### **Thunder Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club**

Pairs with better than 65% games in June included:

(70.74) Diana Smith - Jim Handy  
(68.06) Donald Hard - Judy Shelnett  
(66.20) Paul Soper - George Willis

### **Tucson Charity Bridge** *By Ruth Houkom/Brian Gersten*

#### **Top Games**

(66.80) David Jaskar/Hurd Baruch; (65.50) David Jaskar/Hurd Baruch  
(63.92) Helen Geare/Rob Sanford; (63.92) Dottie Plotkin/Elaine Goldberg  
(63.48) Betty Patterson/Mary Clutz; (63.19) Mike & Sally Berk  
(62.50) Janet Marks/Roger Marks; (61.04) Sandy Cohen/Pam Shoemaker  
(61.01) Dolly Miller/Barbara Parisi; (60.65) Ernie McCray/Mitzi Smyth  
(60.42) Donna Moser/Hans Moser; (60.07) Helen Geare/Carole Seminof

Our Charity for June was Youth on Their Own. Our total donations are now \$10,700. Please visit our website at <http://www.bridgewebs.com/tucsoncharity> for complete details.

### **Mountain View** *By JoAnn Aiken*

Pairs with better than 65% games in June included:

(70%) Hanson/Frost; (68%) Aiken/Aiken  
(67%) Brussel/Vonderheit; (66%) Doonan/Pigaty; (66%) Ackerman/Feeley

### **Adobe** *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

#### **Games over 65%**

(69.44) Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher  
(68.98) Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy  
(68.52) Jean Montague - Jared Boulds  
(68.06) De Lucia - Constance Whitehead  
(67.36) Kenneth Badertscher - Carol Pilmar  
(66.67) Percy Brown - Richard Plumer  
(66.67) Shirley Matlick - Elaine Goldberg  
(66.38) Rosemarie Holmes - Margaret Linaburg  
(66.20) Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser  
(65.05) B Robert Simrak - Larry Dunham

The Adobe will resume its regular series of classes, starting the week of September 17. Lessons will include the 2/1 Game Force system, Intermediate Supervised Bidding and Play, and Beginning Bridge.

### Recent Rank Advances

#### New Junior Masters:

Elliott Weiss

#### New Club Masters:

James Chisholm

Janet Hornung

Perry Jurgens

Ruth Nation

Sylvia Reed

#### New Sectional Masters:

Ben Kesler

Ann King

#### New Regional Masters:

Jim Coe

Gary Howell

#### New NABC Masters:

Margaret Glenn

Roberta Stowers

#### New Life Masters:

John Purdy

#### New Bronze Life Masters:

Chris Hasney

Del Rieschick

#### New Silver Life Masters:

Valorie Ackerman

### **Unit 356 Member Barbara Rosenthal appointed to District 17 Goodwill Committee**

Appointment to the Goodwill Committee is an honor presented each year to as many as 15 District 17 members in good standing who have gone far above the call of duty in service to the District or their unit and exhibit Goodwill attributes. Qualifications for nomination may include individuals: who strive to practice active ethics; whose conduct both at the bridge table and away from the bridge table is commendable; who promote bridge as an activity among new players, at club and unit games as well as at tournaments and who contribute to a playing environment at these venues that is conducive to fun and learning; who promote bridge for Juniors; and who promote bridge for the handicapped.

Barbara's nomination for the Goodwill Committee read as follows:

"Barbara Rosenthal exhibits all of the Goodwill attributes. She always comes to the table with a positive and happy attitude, she is a dedicated teacher of new players holding classes and supervised bid and play for them at Las Candelas Bridge Club. In addition, she encourages them to spread their wings and go to tournaments. She is a director and always comes across as helpful and unflustered when making a ruling. I have never seen her with anything but a helpful and upbeat demeanor at the bridge table, teaching or when volunteering to help at tournaments. She was unanimously approved by our Board for nomination to District 17 Goodwill committee."

When you see Barbara at the table sporting her new Goodwill pin, take a moment to thank her for all that she is doing in our unit to foster Goodwill.



## I/N Corner *by Jo-Ann Vaughn*

The **Unit Game** this month is Sunday, August 19th at Las Candelas. Snacks are served prior to the beginning of the game at 1 PM. Please call Las Candelas (696-9101) to make your reservation. If you need a partner please let me know. Remember there are extra black points awarded for this game!

Don't forget **Summer Fun STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)** is the week of August 20-26. This is your opportunity to earn **SILVER** points at your local club all week long.

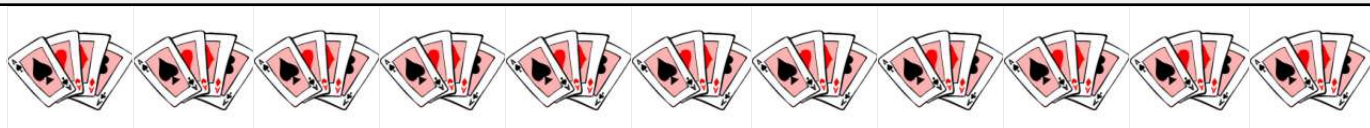
***Please watch for upcoming information about the Pro/AM Swiss Team Event on Sunday, September 23rd at Las Candelas. Start thinking about a "Pro" partnership to pair up with and play on the 23rd.*** If you need assistance finding a Pro, an AM, or a team, please contact Marge Curvin. Marge can be e-mailed at [m.curvin@yahoo.com](mailto:m.curvin@yahoo.com) or called at 319-1081.

See you at the table! Jo-Ann

### **BRIDGE ETIQUETTE AND RULES (Continued)** (Reprinted from article by Marilyn Hemenway 2003)

There are certain table manners (or rules) that all bridge players should know.  
Some of these are:

1. After a board has been played, you may not, without permission, remove someone's hand to look at it. If you have received permission, only one hand at a time may be out of the board.
2. When play commences, do not detach a card from your hand until it is your turn to play and you have decided to play that card. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand, and then pull up another card. Nor should you detach a card and then replace it to play another card. Also do not detach your card before it is your turn to play and never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit. All of these maneuvers provide additional valuable information to the declarer.
3. When you are on opening lead, detach a card from your hand and lay it face down on the table. This prevents leading when it is not your turn to do so and allows partner to ask questions about the auction without the possibility of them influencing your lead. You, as the opening leader, should ask if partner has questions before you make your lead. Other players may also ask for a review of the auction at their first opportunity to play.
4. As dummy you may not call declarer's attention to anything except that he is about to lead from the wrong hand or to ask if he is out of the suit being played. As dummy you may not play or touch any card in dummy (even a singleton) until declarer calls the card. If declarer designates a suit, but not the rank, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card of the suit indicated. If declarer designates a rank but not a suit, he is deemed to be continuing the suit in which dummy won the last trick.



**BRIDGE BITES** from The American Contract Bridge League

**A Couple of Upper Cuts**

by Brian Gunnell

This month we take a look at “trump promotion”. Put yourself in the West seat, defending 4♠.

**Both Vulnerable**

	♠ T9 ♥ J ♦ AQJ32 ♣ Q5432	
♠ J87 ♥ A ♦ 98754 ♣ AKT8	North West East South	♠ 64 ♥ KQ986532 ♦ 6 ♣ 76
	♠ AKQ532 ♥ T74 ♦ KT ♣ J9	

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
<b>1♠</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>2♦</b>	<b>4♥</b>
<b>4♠</b>	<b>All Pass</b>		

To start with, please locate a sheet of paper or your morning slice of toast (marmalade side facing up). Place it diagonally across the diagram, so that only the West and North hands are showing. As West, your opening lead is the ♣A on which Partner plays the Seven and Declarer the Nine. Next, you cash the ♣K (everyone following the suit), then the ♥A. You’ve cashed your three winners, where’s the setting trick? A Diamond ruff? No, Partner had two Clubs, and can hardly have more than two Spades. He cannot have 2=9=0=2 distribution, with that shape he would surely have pushed on to 5♥. The only other possibility is a trump trick. Yes, indeed! The magic card here, amazingly enough, is the Spade Six! You lead another Club, and if East ruffs with the Six he forces Declarer to overruff with an honor, promoting a trick for your ♠J! This form of trump promotion is known as an upper-cut, and East must ruff with the Smashing Six to deliver the knock-out blow. Ruffing with the Feeble Four would be no more than a tickle under Declarer’s chin.

**A Second Upper-Cut!** Next, imagine that *East* is Declarer, playing in 4♥. South cashes the ♠A, ♠K, and leads a third Spade, which North ruffs with the ♥J. Another upper-cut, promoting South’s ♥T? No, Declarer simply pitches away his Diamond loser and makes his contract. Let’s have a do over. After cashing the top two Spades, South cashes the ♦K, and *then* leads the third Spade. Now Declarer really is done for, this time the upper-cut sets the contract.

Visit [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email [marketing@acbl.org](mailto:marketing@acbl.org)

## WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Adobe Bridge Club</b> (Leonard Hall Club Manager) <a href="mailto:adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net">adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net</a> 3727 E Blacklidge - <b>795-2441</b> <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org">www.adobebridgeclub.org</a>	<b>1:00pm</b> Open	<b>9:00am</b> Newcomer (0-20)  <b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>9:00am</b> NLM <b>1:00pm</b> Open
<b>Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club</b> Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) <a href="mailto:albowmangv@cox.net">albowmangv@cox.net</a> <a href="http://gvbridge.com">gvbridge.com</a>		<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>			<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>	<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>	
<b>High Desert Hands</b> (Mary Ahearn, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:mahearn@vtc.net">mahearn@vtc.net</a> 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites - <b>603-4359</b>						<b>1:00pm</b>	
<b>Las Candelas Bridge Club</b> (Sunny Bal, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com">contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com</a> 401 E. Limberlost - <b>696-9101</b> <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/lascandelas">www.bridgewebs.com/lascandelas</a>		<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>9-11am</b> Bid and Play  <b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM <b>6:30p</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>10:00am</b> Open & NLM	
<b>Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:jotax123@aol.com">jotax123@aol.com</a> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke - <b>818-1727</b> <a href="http://Mountainviewbridgeclub.com">Mountainviewbridgeclub.com</a>			<b>1:00pm</b>			<b>1:00pm</b>	
<b>Queen of Hearts Bridge Club 744-4212</b> (James Richhart, Manager)— <a href="mailto:richhart@comcast.net">richhart@comcast.net</a> On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd					<b>9:00am</b> Seasonal		
<b>Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) <a href="mailto:dldkay@cox.net">dldkay@cox.net</a> <b>625-4027 or 237-1959</b> —600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church <a href="http://gvbridge.com">gvbridge.com</a>							<b>12:30pm</b> Open
<b>Thunder Mountain Bridge Club</b> Diana Smith, Mgr 803-9564 or 432-3883 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista <a href="http://www.sierravistabridge.com">www.sierravistabridge.com</a>		<b>12:30pm</b>		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	
<b>Tucson Charity Bridge</b> (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 5360 E Pima Street, Tucson <a href="mailto:info@tucsoncharitybridge.com">info@tucsoncharitybridge.com</a> OR <a href="http://www.tucsoncharitybridge.com">www.tucsoncharitybridge.com</a>		<b>5pm</b> NLM (Ventana)			<b>10:00am</b> NLM		

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4
			AD NAP			
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
	AD CC				AD NAP	
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
		AD B & C	LC CC			
August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25
<b>Unit Game</b> Las Candelas	STaC AD, LC	STaC AD (Both), LC	STaC AD, LC	STaC AD (Both), LC	STaC AD, LC	STaC AD (Both)
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	
STaC AD			AD C		<b>Sectional</b> (El Paso)	

**Abbreviations:** AD—Adobe, LC—Las Candelas, MV—Mountain View, 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