

Unit 356



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# Desert Kibitzer



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December 2012

## December Events

### December 3 - December 8

STAC (Local clubs)

### December 9

STAC Member Appreciation Game  
Hotel Tucson  
475 N Granada Ave  
Please register!!

## Welcome New Members

Gail B Beardsley  
William H Beardsley  
Jeannette Childers  
Sharon L Dill  
Carolyn H Goldberg  
Rick Hanson  
Shirley R Hemmer  
Stephanie J Johnson  
Carol J Macnally  
Robert N Webb

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## **October Masterpoint Winners**

### **Adobe Bridge Club**

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

Kathleen Jacobs 6.67; Irwin Rosman 5.87; Jerry Dougherty 5.46; Giff Kassebaum 4.68;  
Jim Kassebaum 4.68.

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

Percy Brown 19.77; Richard Plumer 17.73; Lawrence Dev De Lucia 15.99;  
George Good 15.21; B Robert Simrak 15.09.

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

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

Ken Grafton 23.56; Al Bowman 17.48; Ron Payne 17.28; Paul Black 15.01; John Arnold  
13.72; Arne Maki 12.66; Ted Walden 11.82; Yvette Gormley 11.79;  
Rollie Armacost 11.02; Frank Giuffreda 9.97.

### **Las Candelas Bridge Club**

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

Jared Boulds 11.38; Joyce Fey 10.43; Bettina Thompson 7.45; Barbie Corbett 5.10;  
Bill Robinson 5.03.

#### ***Master Point Winners Open***

Jean Montague 19.23; Dave Douglass 14.98; Nona Dale 10.41; Eric Swanson 9.47;  
Marian Wilson 6.62.

### **Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club**

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

Lillian Mahvi 7.71; Anne West 7.71; Frank Giuffreda 7.08; John Arnold 6.84; Ron Payne  
6.76; Russ Stowers 5.37; Mary Bonham 5.14; Darwin Afdahl 5.10; Kay Afdahl 5.10;  
Jon Stromquist 4.80.

### **Thunder Mountain Bridge Club**

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

Paul Soper 13.59; Marc R Hay 12.85; George Willis 9.35; Carole Dean 7.66; James Co-  
bis 7.42; Margaret Glenn 7.25; Jan Dragoo 6.96; Joyce Davis 5.76; Larry Scott 4.99;  
Donna Anderson 4.88.

#### **Over 70% Games**

James Cobis - Gerald J Pottier Jr 75.00; Mike Levy - Martin Schiff 74.41;  
Claire Genser - Ken Grafton 73.11; Maria Morris - Lanie Constable 72.58;  
Louis Herbster - Edward Helpert 72.22; Nora Tkacz - Lorraine Vonk 71.73;  
Reggie Graves - Ann Day 70.43; Al Bowman - Franz Schatz 70.37;  
Rosemarie Holmes - Margaret Linaburg 70.14; Jan Dragoo - Carole Dean 70.14;  
Marc Hay - Paul Soper 70.00.

**Las Candelas** *By Eric Swanson*

**65% Games**

Mike Levy - Martin Schiff 74.41; Maria Morris - Lanie Constable 72.58; Reggie Graves - Ann Day 70.43; Ken Badretschler - Carol Pilmar 68.59; Nona Dale - Aaron Carnes 67.30; Louis - Phylis Herbster 66.22; Bettina Thompson - Clair Kretschmann 66.03; Edgar Anderson - Robert Stotts 65.97; Joan Ryan - Muriel Budzien 65.87; Del Rieschick - Eric Swanson 65.01; Steve Maltzman - Bob Helpert 65.01.

December Events

Mon-Fri Dec 3-7 STAC games. Mon Dec 10 Club championship. Sunday Dec 16 Swiss Team grass roots fund game. Friday Dec 28 Birthday game club championship.

**Saguaro** *By Doris Kuzmak*

**65% Games**

Kay and Darwin Afdahl 68.91; Frank Giuffreda and Sandra Singleton 67.77; Roberta and Russ Stowers 65.97.

December 15 is our Holiday Party & Club Championship Game.

Check out our web page for upcoming special events.

**Green Valley** *By Allen Bowman*

**65% Games**

Claire Genser - Ken Grafton 73.11; Nora Tkacz - Lorraine Vonk 71.73; Al Bowman - Franz Schatz 70.37; Frank Giuffreda - Nora Tkacz 69.68; Bob & Mary Baptist 68.31; Russ Stowers - Butch Vuvunas 67.96; Ken Grafton - Arne Maki 67.96; John Arnold - Jim Howland 67.48; Ken Grafton - Russ Stowers 67.36; Dave & Mary Armstrong 65.18.

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

**65% games**

Louis Herbster - Edward Helpert 72.22; Rosemarie Holmes - Margaret Linaburg 70.14; B Robert Simrak - Sydney Kaye 69.35; Margaret Curvin - Duncan MacDonell 69.35; Ben Kesler - Robert Darcangelo 69.27; Cookie Evans - Percy Brown 69.23; Carolyn Reynolds - Steve Reynolds 68.75; Lawrence De Lucia - Percy Brown 68.46; Shirley Matlick - Elaine Goldberg 68.08; Carolyn Reynolds - Steve Reynolds 67.63; Marlee Millman - Donna Moser 66.69; Percy Brown - John Antliff 66.24; George Willis - Katy Vaughn 66.19; William Howard - Martin Schiff Jr 66.13; Richard Plumer - Lawrence Dev De Lucia 65.74;

B Robert Simrak - Nancy Atherton 65.34.

The Adobe will be starting a weekly 0-199 masterpoint game on Monday, January 7. The Intermediate Supervised Bidding and Play class on Wednesdays at 9:30, and the Beginning Bridge class on Thursdays at 9:00, will continue through December

For more information visit: <http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/Lessons.htm>

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

#### **65% games**

James Cobis - Gerald J Pottier Jr 75.00; Jan Dragoo - Carole Dean 70.14;  
Marc Hay - Paul Soper 70.00; Paul Soper - Katy Vaughn 68.06;  
Margaret Glenn - Carole Parent - 67.36; James Cobis - Carole Dean 65.74;  
Paul Soper - Marc R Hay 65.00.

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

PLEASE be sure to sign up for the **Two Session Unit Game (STaC) and Holiday Party** on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> held at Hotel Tucson starting at 9AM. The complete flyer with sign up information can be found on the Unit 356 website. Pre-registration is required for this event. If you need a partner, please let me know. Silver points are awarded at both games.

I cannot believe it is already time to start thinking about 2013. **The Tucson Winter Sectional** is January 3-6, 2013 at the Holiday Inn at Palo Verde. The complete flyer can be found on our website at ***SouthernArizonaBridge.com***. Partnership requests can also be made on our website.

The next **Unit Game** is Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Adobe. Light snacks are served prior to the beginning of the game at 1 PM. If you need a partner please let me know. Remember there are extra black points awarded for this game!

As the I/N representative to the Unit Board, I represent your voice to the Unit Board. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to be on my NLM e-mail list, please e-mail me and let me know. You may contact me at [jhvaughn49@gmail.com](mailto:jhvaughn49@gmail.com)

See you at the table!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!

Jo-Ann Vaughn

### Recent Rank Advances

#### **New Junior Masters:**

Diann Plunkett

#### **New Club Masters:**

Dorothy M Emerton

Richard M Fontaine

Sandra Millar

Carole Parent

#### **New Sectional Masters:**

Hurd Baruch

#### **New Regional Masters:**

Ruth E Ford

#### **New NABC Masters:**

Jared Boulds

Jane C Pendley

#### **New Gold Life Masters:**

Joy Rieckers

George S Willis

### **New Life Masters**



Sue Gehret



Dalene Goetz



CeCe Knowles

### **Board a Match Oct 7**

- A 1 Walter Mann & Lanie Constable -  
Jean Montague & Adair Karlin
- B 1 Henry Buch & Cookie Evans -  
Sarah Baumann & Stephen Pozez

### **Unit Game Oct 20**

Strat A: 1st- Kay and Darwin Afdahl (68.91%)

Strat B: 1sr – Lillian Mahvi & Anne West

Strat C: 1st – Mary Jo Simmon & Harry Peck

### **Congratulation**

To Sue, Dalene and CeCe, who became Life Masters at Tucson Fall Sectional.

## **Out of the Back Room** *by Barbara Rosenthal*

I have been learning and playing duplicate bridge for about 12 years. I started taking bridge lessons because a real estate client of mine talked me into taking lessons. Like many of us I played in college never learning bridge just enjoying it. I had not played bridge for over 30 years when I took my first lesson in Scottsdale where I was living at the time. The Scottsdale club had a 'back room' where the novices played. I soon learned that I could improve my game faster if I played in the 'open' game. Did I come in at the bottom? Yes, many times but there is much to be learned playing against more experienced players.

I would like to encourage those of you in the NLM games to step outside your comfort zone, get your feet wet in the open games and improve your knowledge of bridge. The NLM games were never meant to be a lifetime home!

## SMARTER THAN A SECOND-GRADER?

By: Brian Gunnell

We learn to count in first- and second-grade, but somehow this basic skill deserts many bridge players in the heat of battle.

	♠ A832 ♥ Q85 ♦ QJ7653 ♣	
♠ 6 ♥ K63 ♦ K842 ♣ AQ543	<i>North</i> West    East Declarer	♠ 754 ♥ AJ94 ♦ T9 ♣ 8762
	♠ KQJT9 ♥ T72 ♦ A ♣ KJT9	

## None Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West leads a low Heart and East (correctly) inserts the Jack. Two more Hearts are cashed, followed by a trump shift. "Rats!" mutters Declarer,

who had been planning to cross-ruff the entire hand, scoring all nine trumps separately. Those ruffs, plus the ♦A, would be enough to fulfill the contract. But, after the trump return, the cross-ruff leaves Declarer a trick short, so it's time for Plan B.

Our Declarer's (faulty) Plan B was to set up Dummy's Diamonds. He won the trump return in hand, cashed the ♦A, then Club ruff, Diamond ruff, Club ruff, Diamond ruff. This line of play required good breaks (such as Spades 2-2 and Diamonds 3-3, or failing that the doubleton ♦K). But Declarer's luck was out and, as the cards lie, it was impossible to enjoy those long Diamonds.

Our second-graders need no luck, instead they'll do some counting:

- N-S have 23 HCP, so the other guys have 17
- In the Heart suit East showed up with 5 of those 17 missing HCP
- West opened the bidding and surely has the remaining 12 HCP

Once Declarer realizes that West has the missing high cards (obviously including the ♣A and ♣Q), it's routine to win the trump return in hand, and take ruffing finesse against West's high Clubs. Declarer leads the ♣K which is covered by the Ace and ruffed. Back to hand with a trump. Then the ♣J is led, and run around if West declines to cover. When the dust has cleared, Declarer will have scored 5 trumps in his hand, plus two Club ruffs in Dummy, plus two Club tricks, and the ♦A. 10 easy tricks for the second-graders!

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 Blackledge - <b>795-2441</b> <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org">www.adobebridgeclub.org</a>	1:00pm Open	9:00am Newcomer 12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	9:00am NLM 1:00pm 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>		1:00pm Inv Canoa			1:00pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv Canoa	
<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>						1:00pm	
<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>		12:30pm Open	9:30-11:30am Bid and Play  12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open & NLM 6:30p Open	12:30pm Open	10:00am 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>			1:00pm			1:00pm	
<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					9:00am 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>							12:30pm 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>		12:30pm		12:30pm	6:30pm	12:30pm	
<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>		5pm NLM (Ventana)			10:00am NLM		

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 30	December 31					December 1
AD SFG	AD CC					S SFG
December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8
AD, GV SFG	STAC (Local Clubs)	STAC (Local Clubs)	STAC (Local Clubs)	STAC (Local Clubs) GV SFG	STAC (Local Clubs) GV SFG	STAC (Local Clubs)
December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15
STAC Unit MAG Hotel Tucson	LC CC	AD SFG B	AD CC		GV UCC AD SFG	S CC AD SFG
December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22
LC SFG	GV CC AD SFG			AD SFG	AD, GV CC MVBC SFG	
December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29
AD CC			AD SFG	AD SFG	LC CC B MVBC CC	AD SFG

**Abbreviations:** AD—Adobe, LC—Las Candelas, MV—Mountain View, S—Saguaro, TM—Thunder Mountain, GV—Green Valley, 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



**HOLIDAY AND MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY  
SIGN UP SHEET  
STAC - 2 Separate Sessions**

**December 9, 2012  
Play begins at 9:00AM**

**Hotel Tucson  
475 N. Granada Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701 (520) 622-3000**

**Early Snacks 8:30 AM**

Lox Bagels and Pastries  
Coffee and Tea

**Lunch Buffet**

Taco Bar  
Dessert

**You must pre-register** by Monday December 3, 2012 by depositing this reservation slip in the box provided at your local club, or mail them to:

**Carolyn Reynolds, 160 S Irving Ave, Tucson, AZ 85711-3434**

**MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE GAME**

Reservations received after December 5 will be processed on a space available basis.

The first session starts promptly at **9:00AM**.

**COST: \$20 PER PERSON (\$40 per pair)**

**Please note that these are STAC Games and Masterpoints are SILVER**

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PLEASE PRINT

Circle if playing AM or PM only, No circling needed if playing both. (Same price for one or two sessions)

**Name/Player #'s** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Playing Open Game?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Playing NLM Game?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stratification: A B C D E F (circle one):**

**Open Stratifications: A: 1501+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500**

**NLM Stratifications: D 200-500(NLM), E 100-200, F 0-100**

**Highest point count must be under 500**

Do you Require a N/S ?