

Unit 356



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## May Events

April 30 - May 6

Senior Regional (Chandler)

May 4—May 6

Sectional (Chandler)

May 7—May 13

Spring Fling STaC (Local Clubs)

May 13

Unit Game STaC (Adobe)

May 18—May 20

Sectional (Phoenix)

May 22—May 28

Regional (Denver)

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## Welcome New Members

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## March Monthly Masterpoint Winners

### Adobe Bridge Club

#### *Master Point Winners Under 1000*

(8.45) Jere Webb, (5.77) David Burks, (4.68) Gary Howell  
(4.58) Elizabeth J Howe, (4.56) Charlotte Weller

#### *Master Point Winners Over 1000*

(16.46) Michael Levy, (16.43) Martin Schiff Jr, (16.31) George Good  
(12.64) Richard Plumer, (12.18) Kenneth Badertscher

### Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

#### *Top Ten Master Point Winners*

(10.81) Bill Hackbarth, (8.66) Ken Grafton, (7.94) Jim Howland, (7.76) Ted Walden  
(7.73) Russ Stowers, (7.67) Franz Schatz, (7.12) Julie Kennedy  
(7.09) Betty Wightman, (7.09) Tom Wightman, (6.54) Gail Meyer

### Las Candelas Bridge Club

#### *Master Point Winners Under 500*

(9.39) Derek Graybill, (5.94) Barbie Corbett, (4.15) Tom Tucker  
(3.92) Jared Boulds, (3.80) Peggy Weldy

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

(14.40) Shatki Routh, (10.96) Ann Day, (9.35) Reginald Graves  
(8.76) Judson Jones, (8.26) Sharon Heller

### Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

#### *Top Master Point Winners*

(6.35) Margret Salazar, (6.23) Ted Walden, (6.20) Fran Herrmann, (5.53) Bob Ward  
(4.75) Bill Hackbarth, (4.33) Chris Apitz, (4.33) Ellen Dilbert  
(3.47) Gene Maki, (3.47) Arnie Maki, (3.32) John Arnold

### Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

#### *Top Master Point Winners*

(10.28) Marc R Hay, (9.84) Paul Soper, (8.08) George Willis, (6.59) Donald Hard  
(5.63) Judy Shelnutt, (4.82) Shirley Cole, (4.72) Fred Thomson, (4.61) James Cobis  
(4.54) Larry Scott, (4.51) Katy Vaughn

### Over 70% Games

(85.42 – individual) Mabel Kadet; (75.00) Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy  
(74.13) Joe Bianco/Ruth McCray; (72.72) Ed Bonkowski & John Miles  
(71.35) Jim Handy - Marc R Hay; (71.25) Fran Herrmann & Bud Stein  
(71.06) Ken Grafton & Russ Stowers; (70.37) Myra DeByle & Shelton Howland

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

Master Point Winners Open

(19.58) Dave Douglass, (15.48) Nona Dale, (14.60) Barbara Feeley  
(12.53) Eric Swanson, (8.32) JoAnn Aiken

65% Games

(69.68) Rita Smith – Geri Biggs; (68.52) Jean Montague – Adair Karlin  
(67.55) Dave Douglass – Derek Graybill; (66.90) Chris Opitz – Ellen Dilbert  
(66.90) Lou Ann Chiodo – Ralph Chiodo; (66.84) Dave Douglass – Steve Maltzman  
(66.79) Dave Douglass – Shatki Routh; (66.67) John Piet – Chi Newman  
(66.53) Walter Mann – Shatki Routh; (66.40) Sunand Ball – Ray Grady  
(65.97) Eric Swanson – Aaron Carnes; (65.71) Robert Stotts – Edgar Anderson  
(65.46) Steve Lang – Ann Grub

**Saguaro** *By Doris Kuzmak*

65% Games

(71.25) Fran Herrmann & Bud Stein  
(69.13) Arnie & Gene Maki  
(67.82) Ted Walden & Bob Ward  
(65.74) Ellen Dilbert & Chris Apitz  
(65.28) Bob Reiersen & Frank Perry

Check out our web page for upcoming special events.

**Green Valley** *By Allen Bowman*

Top Games

(72.72) Ed Bonkowski & John Miles; (71.06) Ken Grafton & Russ Stowers  
(70.37) Myra DeByle & Shelton Howland  
(69.91) Bill Hackbarth & Butch Vuvunas; (68.75) Mike Cregg & Karen Eble  
(68.75) Bill Hackbarth & Gene Maki; (68.75) Ted Kurrus & Mary Powelson  
(68.52) Dick Lindquist & Russ Stowers; (68.06) Tom & Betty Wightman  
(67.59) Dick Lindquist & Ted Walden; (66.64) Dick Grannis & Greg Roth  
(66.51) Ralph Egger & Ted Kurrus; (66.20) Gene & Joan Opinante  
(65.74) Al Bowman & Franz Schatz; (65.51) Linda Kexel & Gail Meyer  
(65.51) Bill Hackbarth & Margie Salazar; (65.51) Jim Howland & Chris Martin  
(65.51) Myra DeByle & Carol Skomars; (65.05) Ed Bonkowski & Jim Howland

## Thunder Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club

Pairs with better than 65% games in March included:

(71.35) Jim Handy - Marc R Hay

(65.63) Paul Soper - Marc R Hay

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

### Top Games

(74.13) Joe Bianco/Ruth McCray; (66.20) Bob Dendinger/Toni Dendinger

(66.43) Donna Moser/Hans Moser; (63.39) Sonia Labatt/Sandra Millar

(62.69) LaDonna Palm/Linda Johnson; (62.50) Hurd Baruch/Dave Jaskar

(62.38) LaDonna Palm/Linda Johnson; (62.12) Linda Akerman/Lou Akerman

TCBC has contributed \$7,495 to charity as of the end of April. We have 2 charities this month in memory of Jim Withey and Marshall Clark who both died within the last month or so. Please visit our website at <http://www.tucsoncharitybridge.com> for more information regarding our Club.

## Adobe *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

### Games over 65%

(75.00) Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy

(66.67) Lawrence De Lucia - Constance Whitehead

(66.44) Peggy Anderson - Kurt Anderson

(66.35) Larry Dunham - Sydney Kaye

(66.25) Ann Day - Steve Reynolds

(65.51) Richard Plumer - Sydney Kaye

(65.23) Karen Balch - Ron Gagne

(65.22) Greg West - George Good

(65.22) Lawrence Dev De Lucia - Richard Plumer

The next series of classes will start the week of May 6 and last for 8 weeks. Bob Simrak will teach a continuation of his Defensive Bidding on Tuesdays. There will be no class on May 29. Dev Delucia will continue to hold his Intermediate Supervised Bidding and Play classes on Wednesdays and his Beginning Supervised Bidding and Play classes on Fridays. He will also teach Beginning Defense on Thursdays. All classes start at 9:00 except that the Wednesday class starts at 9:30.



Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Jared Boulds  
Phillip Bush  
Marian Handy  
Jan Hanson  
Richard Jones  
Lea Ann Perkin  
Steven Sahl

New Club Masters:

Michael Knight  
Marjorie Simpson

New Sectional Masters:

Frank Hagerty  
Andrew Vishner  
Shirley Wicklund

New Regional Masters:

Karla Ramsey  
Lester Rubenstein  
Patricia Rubenstein

New NABC Masters:

Karen Balch  
Pam Circuit  
Ronald Gagne  
Betty Patterson  
John Piet  
John Schocke

New Life Masters:

Barbie Corbett  
Jo Kervick  
Stephanie Marsden  
Mary Jo Simunaci  
Paul Yantz

New Bronze Life Masters:

Mary Blanchard  
Carole Dean  
Elizabeth Howe  
Ann Kuperberg  
Pamela Thaut  
Lynda Thomas  
Paul Yantz

New Silver Life Masters:

Joyce Lenz  
Mary Maxwell

New Gold Life Masters:

Raymond Austin  
Benita Nelson

## Unit Event News

### Summertime Member Appreciation Party

Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Unit Game at  
*Adobe Bridge Club*

2 sessions at  
*9 am and 1:30 pm*

Breakfast and lunch included.

\$5 per player includes  
both sessions of bridge  
breakfast and lunch.

Players can choose to play  
morning session only,  
afternoon session only,  
or both sessions.

Hope to see you there!!



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

Happy to see so many NLMs at the Tucson Spring Sectional!

**Don't forget** Silver Tournament at Clubs (STaC) is the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. This is your opportunity to earn SILVER points at your local club all week long.

The Unit Game this month is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Adobe Bridge Club. Snacks are served prior to the beginning of the game at 1 PM. Please call Adobe (795-2441) to make your reservation. If you need a partner please let me know. Since this game is during STaC week, silver points will be awarded!

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. You may contact me at [jhvaughn49@gmail.com](mailto:jhvaughn49@gmail.com)

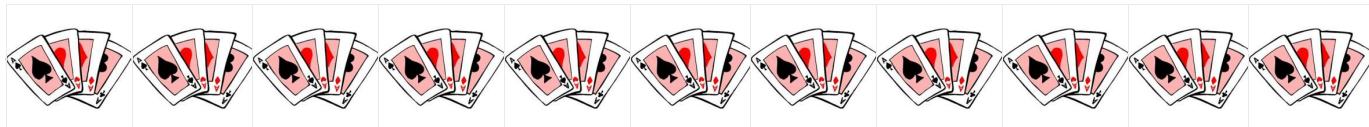
See you at the table!

Jo-Ann

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

Avoid hesitations by being consistently deliberate in your bidding and play. An acquired habit of playing smoothly and evenly (even on very bad hands) will always give you more time to think. Remember that a hesitation followed by a pass places an extra burden on partner as any bids by him or her must be very clear cut. Do not be upset if an opponent calls the director to monitor the auction in this situation as it is the proper thing to do. Also develop the habit of making skip bid warnings and be courteous of the opponents by honoring their skip bid warnings.

**Playing deliberately is not the same things as "slow play".** The latter comes about mostly because of bad habits such as (a) too much general conversation and waste of time, (b) not thinking about bridge when the opponents pause to think about bids or plays, (c) **wasting the other players' time by such things as writing down the contract** before putting your hand down as dummy, and too much time spent studying the traveler from the last board and discussing the results among the players at the table. Remember that unduly slow play is subject to penalty at the discretion of the director.



BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League

Finesses are Easy  
by Brian Gunnell

Of course they are! You just lead towards the AQ or KJ or some such holding, and, when fate is kind, an extra trick materializes. But, if they can, experienced players will avoid the whims of fate, as in this deal.

	♠ JT765 ♥ 652 ♦ A7 ♣ AT8	
♠ 98 ♥ QJT7 ♦ KJ6 ♣ Q652	North  West East  South	♠ 4 ♥ 983 ♦ QT9852 ♣ K97
	♠ AKQ32 ♥ AK4 ♦ 43 ♣ J43	

Both Vulnerable  
 South West North East  
 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
 4♠ All Pass

West leads the ♥Q, and Declarer can see a certain loser in Hearts and another in Diamonds. So, if 4♠ is to make, then Declarer must avoid losing two Clubs. Any ideas?

One way to play Clubs (after drawing trumps) is to finesse the Ten, hoping that West has the King *and* the Queen. **That's somewhat unlikely (around 25%).** Another possibility is to finesse the *Eight*, and later finesse the Ten, hoping that West has K9 or Q9. **That's a 37% chance.** Or, Declarer might run the Jack, giving himself the extra chance that West might neglect to cover with his honor.

**Which finesse will you choose? The correct answer is that you don't care for any of these finesses, you much prefer the 100% method!** Draw trumps, cash the red suit winners and exit with a Heart (or a Diamond). The defenders can take their Heart and Diamond tricks but now their goose is cooked. If they lead another red card then Declarer pitches a Club loser from one hand and ruffs in the other hand (the so-called "ruff and sluff"). **And if they break open Clubs then Declarer will lose only one trick in the suit.** Yes, finesses are easy, especially when you can avoid taking them!

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## 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>	<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 – May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
		<b>Senior Regional</b> (Chandler)	<b>Senior Regional</b> (Chandler)	<b>AD C</b>  <b>Senior Regional</b> (Chandler)	<b>Senior Regional/</b> <b>Sectional</b> (Chandler)	<b>Senior Regional/</b> <b>Sectional</b> (Chandler)
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
<b>Senior Regional/</b> <b>Sectional</b> (Chandler)	<b>AD, LC STaC</b>	<b>AD, LC STaC</b> <b>AD B</b>	<b>AD, LC STaC</b>	<b>AD, LC STaC</b>	<b>AD, LC STaC</b>	<b>AD STaC</b>
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
<b>STaC Unit Game</b> Adobe			<b>AD CC</b> <b>LC CC</b>		<b>Sectional</b> (Phoenix)	<b>Sectional</b> (Phoenix)
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
<b>LC Swiss Teams</b>  <b>Sectional</b> (Phoenix)		<b>AD C</b>  <b>Regional</b> (Denver)	<b>Regional</b> (Denver)	<b>Regional</b> (Denver)	<b>LC B</b>  <b>Regional</b> (Denver)	<b>AD CC</b> (Both)  <b>Regional</b> (Denver)
May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31		
<b>Regional</b> (Denver)	<b>Regional</b> (Denver)			<b>AD CC</b>		

*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*