

Unit 356



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BRIDGE NEWS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA
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April 2013

April Events

April 11 - 14

Tucson Spring Sectional
Holiday Inn - Palo Verde

April 19

Unit Wide Championship
Local Clubs

April 21

Unit Game
Las Candelas

April 28

Pro/Am Swiss
Adobe

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Welcome New Members

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District 17 Official Website: www.d17acbl.org/
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February Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

Dave Ashby 8.25; Elliott Weiss 6.55; Jared Boulds 5.63; Richard L Naughton 5.43;
Betsy Howe 5.37;

Master Point Winners Over 1000

Martin Schiff Jr 21.85; George Good 21.69; Greg West 19.85; B Robert Simrak 16.97;
Michael Levy 15.07;

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Ted Walden 18.67; David Sachs 12.66; Sue Sachs 12.66; Dick Lindquist 12.24;
Karen Eble 12.20; Franz Schatz 12.16; Bud Stein 11.78; Gene Maki 11.47;
Bill Hackbarth 9.78; Butch Vuvunas 9.59 .

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

Jarrold Boulds 8.81; Joyce Fey 8.23; Richard Kelly 3.44; Anita Weis 3.33;
Lee Erdman 3.17.

Master Point Winners Open

Eric Swanson 14.03; Ann Day 13.66; Dave Douglass 13.58; Aaron Carnes 13.23;
Nona Dale 12.20.

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

Richard Lindquist 6.94; Fran Herrmann 6.85; Russ Stowers 6.40; Franz Schatz 4.55;
Ted Walden 4.45; Karen Eble 3.84; Allen Bowman 3.80; Linda Kexel 3.60;
Bud Stein 3.60.

Mountain View Bridge Club

Master Point Winners NLM

Betty Edwards 2.35; Midge Miller 2.35; Robert Lewis 1.94; Chuck Shaull 1.94;
Ron Morris 1.51.

Master Point Winners Open

Darwin Afdahl 8.20; Kay Afdahl 8.20; Barb Feeley 7.56; Jo Ann Aiken 5.98;
Darlene Barstad 3.76.

Las Candelas *By Eric Swanson*

65% Games

Arlene Henman - Jackie Gillette 68.50; Lou - Linda Akerman 67.26;
Rodney Letts - Del Rieschick 66.83; Jarrod Boulds - Clair Kretschmann 66.32;
Lynda Thomas - Jinny Anderson 66.18; Myra DeByle - Rita Smith 65.35;
Joyce Fey - Barbara Corbett 65.21.

Las Candelas is going to entertain "Finesse West Bridge Tours" on Tuesday May 7th. There are 80 players from all over the country coming to play. It will be a STAC game and lunch provided. There will be an Open Strat game and a non-Life Master Game. Reservations are required as space is limited. Players may reserve a game entry for \$7 and/or lunch for an additional \$10. Lunch will be at 1:00 serving Chipotle burritos, chips, guacamole and salsa. Game will start at 1:30 and be over at 4:30. To reserve an entry call

Eric Swanson at 303-905-5848 or pickup an entry at LCBC or call LCBC at 696-9100

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

65% Games

Fran Herrmann - Lorraine Vonk 71.17%; Linda Kexel - Bud Stein 70.60%
Fran Herrmann - Franz Schatz 65.71%; Russ Stowers - Karen Eble 65.51%;
Jeffrey Blake - Jon Stromquist 65.28%; Russ Stowers - Richard Lindquist 65.05%.

Please check the Saguaro web page for any schedule changes and special events.

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

65% Games

Karen Eble - Benita Nelson 73.38; Arne Maki - Ted Walden 72.82;
David - Sue Sachs 67.82; Karen Eble - Ted Walden 67.51; Arne - Gene Maki 67.13;
Margret Salazar - Bud Stein 66.90; Bud Stein - Nora Tkacz 66.78;
Mary Dow - Peter Mastic 66.67; Gayle Fitzgerald - Roberta Stowers 65.37;
Ray Austin - Fran Herrmann 65.28; Franz Schatz - Ted Walden 65.28;
Dave - Sue Sachs 65.05.

49'er Top Games

Jim - Dawn Cate 66.76; John - Ann Chaplin 66.35.

Adobe *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

65% games

Michael Levy - Martin Schiff Jr 72.37; John McKenna - Myra McKenna 70.60;
L Hall - Melvin Norvelle 68.98; B Robert Simrak - Max Madsen 68.70;
Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher 67.36; Martin Schiff Jr - Eric Schulz 67.12;
George Good - Greg West 66.81; Jared Boulds - Judson Jones 66.67;
George Good - Greg West 66.61; Howard Richard - Janice Richard 66.09;
Martin Schiff Jr - Michael Levy 65.74; George Good - Lawrence Dev De Lucia 65.74;
Uta C Antony - Richard L Naughton 65.37;
Richard Plumer - Lawrence De Lucia 65.18.

Mountain View Bridge Club *By Jo Ann Aiken*

65% games

Afdahl - Afdahl 75%; Afdahl - Afdahl 71%; Aiken - Feeley 65%.

Tucson Charity Bridge Club *By Ruth Houkam*

65% games

Mary Clutz - Betty Patterson 73.08; Heidi Beards - Bonnie Morris 70.21;

We have now donated \$19,000+ to charities. In February our charity, CASA Support Council, was chosen in memory of Allen Baron who was a most loyal member of our Club. This month we are collecting for Tee up for Tots.

Over 70% Games

Kay Afdahl - Darwin Afdahl 75%; Karen Eble - Benita Nelson 73.38;
Mary Clutz - Betty Patterson 73.08; Arne Maki - Ted Walden 72.82;
Michael Levy - Martin Schiff Jr 72.37; Fran Herrmann - Lorraine Vonk 71.17%;
Kay Afdahl - Darwin Afdahl 71%; John McKenna - Myra McKenna 70.60;
Linda Kexel - Bud Stein 70.60%; Heidi Beards - Bonnie Morris 70.21;

In Memorandum

The Unit lost one of our long time members when Betty Fine passed away on February 24: She served as Treasurer on the Unit Board for ten years and always did her best to promote a pleasant atmosphere at her table when playing bridge. She was a loyal friend, loved to read and share her books, loved going to the movies and she will be missed by all.

New Unit 356 Board Members

Jere' Webb has been appointed to the Board to fill out the remaining term of Marge Curvin.

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Shirley R Hemmer
Dorlene E Quinn-Jones
Suki Thomsen
Marcy A White

New Club Masters:

Pamela C Duchaine
Lois B Hallinan

New Sectional Masters:

Gordon Diss
Charles A Greenberg
Jeanne A McCleery
Jim M Miller
Sharon S O Connor

New Regional Masters:

Patricia K Belden
Dave Caplan
Seymour Einstein
Steven Sahl
Mary J Ziegelbauer

Recent Rank Advances

New NABC Masters:

Duane L Dietrich
Mrs Giff B Kassebaum
Jo-Ann H Vaughn

New Life Masters:

Pam Circuit

New Bronze Life Masters:

Barbie J Corbett
William K Whitman

New Silver Life Masters:

Fay Kallina
J Craig Saunders
Lynda Saunders

New Gold Life Masters:

Marian Wilson

BRIDGE BITES #22

COUNTING THE HAND

Brian Gunnell

♠ AJ94
♥ QJ94
♦ Q
♣ Q542

Dummy

West East

Declarer

♠ T7652
♥ A865
♦ 2
♣ KJ3

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East

2♦ Db1 4♦

4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West's 2♦ was a Weak Two, showing less than opening values and a 6-card suit. East further crowded N-S by jumping to 4♦ and South tried 4♠. The good news for E-W is that they have bounced N-S into a poor contract, the bad news for them is that you can make your contract if you do a little counting.

You must lose a Club and a Diamond. That means that you must play the trump suit for one loser and the Heart suit for no losers. West leads the $\spadesuit A$ and shifts to the $\clubsuit T$. East wins the Ace and returns a Club to your King (mercifully, West follows suit). How do you play the trump suit?



All things being equal (ignoring clues from the bidding and the play), you have a 76% chance of success if you finesse twice in trumps, hoping for West to have one or both of the missing trump honors. An alternative is to cash the $\spadesuit A$ first, that is only a 66% chance. What is your choice?



That's right, you'll go with the 66% chance, you cannot afford to finesse in trumps for fear of running into a Club ruff. So you play $\spadesuit A$ and another Spade. East's King wins the second Spade, West following with the Queen, so the trumps have successfully been negotiated for one loser. Now East returns a Club which you win in Dummy. You lead the $\heartsuit Q$ and it wins the trick. What next?



You can either play a low Heart to the Ace, hoping that East has started with doubleton King ... or you can lead the Jack, hoping to squash West's doubleton Ten and set up the Nine. There's no need to guess this one. West has six Diamonds for his $2\spadesuit$ bid, and has shown up with two Spades and two Clubs. That leaves three Hearts! So, Declarer plays a *low* Heart from Dummy and, sure enough, the King pops out of East's hand.



	\spadesuit AJ94 \heartsuit QJ94 \diamondsuit Q \clubsuit Q542	
\spadesuit Q8 \heartsuit T72 \diamondsuit AKT653 \clubsuit T9	<i>Dummy</i> <i>West East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	\spadesuit K3 \heartsuit K3 \diamondsuit J9874 \clubsuit A876
	\spadesuit T7652 \heartsuit A865 \diamondsuit 2 \clubsuit KJ3	

Of course, if East had known that you would be so unsporting as to count out the distribution, then he would have covered the Queen with the King and given you a guess for the $\heartsuit T$!

I/N News

April looks like the best month yet for newer players. Three exciting events are scheduled.

The **Tucson Sectional, April 11-14**, at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde offers three full days of Stratified 199'er pair sessions, and a two session Stratified 199'er Swiss Team on Sunday with lunch. Players ready to venture into the open world are encouraged with stratified pair offerings, and knockouts open to all. A Sunday open Swiss is also included. Need a partner? Call Rudy Martinez at 925 382-9454.

April 21st brings the Sunday unit game at Las Candelas. This fun game begins with a light lunch at 12:30--wonder if we'll have the delicious shrimp rolls we had in March, or perhaps chicken wings? The food is always good and plentiful. To welcome the I/N community, two of Tucson's best players have offered to stay for 30 minutes after the game to answer questions about the hands that were just played. **Kay and Darwin Afdahl** have volunteered to kick off this new addition to the unit game. Their outstanding bridge skills and helping credentials are well known. If there is enough interest, a separate I/N section will be held. In that event, to ensure that both sessions get off to a good and timely beginning, members of the board will help the Director start the I/N game.

The **Pro-Am Swiss at Adobe April 28** at 12:30 is a great bridge afternoon. This event pairs non-life masters (the Am's) with life masters or those with more than 500 MP's (the Pro's) in a single session team event. The Pro and the Am form a pair with another Pro-Am pair to make a team. The results are always surprising. Who knows, you may make a great connection with a wonderful player! Win or lose, the amateur always learns a lot. Great food and fun is included. There are several ways to join in: grab your favorite NLM partner, and approach a pro pair to team up with you. Remember, this event is fun for everyone, and the pro's you approach will be pleased to be asked. If they are already committed, they can often offer other possibilities. Marge Curvin (520 319-1081) will also help you find life-masters to play with. Email or call her with or without another Am, and she'll help team you up. Registration Forms are available below, and also at the unit clubs. They should be submitted to Marge. I'll be out of town through April 7, but will lend a hand and work with Marge when I get back.

Jo-Ann Vaughn has resigned as I/N Representative, after several years of good and hard work. We will miss her. She did an outstanding job, and I was honored when the Board asked me step in for her. She is a hard act to follow, and has offered to help me in this role. Marge Curvin, who was I/N rep before Jo-Ann, and been so helpful to the Unit over the years, has also offered to help. With their assistance and your support, I hope to muddle through.

Terry Coe
terry.coe@gmail.com
520 825-0266

WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Leonard Hall Club Manager) adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net 3727 E Blacklidge - 795-2441 www.adobebridgeclub.org	1:00pm Open	9:00am Newcomer 12:30pm Open & 199'er	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	9:00am NLM 1:00pm Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) albowmangv@cox.net gvbridge.com		1:00pm Inv Canoa			1:00pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv Canoa	
High Desert Hands (Mary Ahearn, Club Manager) mahearn@vtc.net 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites - 603-4359						1:00pm	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sunny Bal, Club Manager) contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com 401 E. Limberlost - 696-9101 www.bridgewebs.com/lascandelas		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	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) jotax123@aol.com 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke - 818-1727 www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/			1:00pm			1:00pm	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club 744-4212 (James Richhart, Manager)— richhart@comcast.net On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd					9:00am Seasonal		
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) dldkay@cox.net 625-4027 or 237-1959 —600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church gvbridge.com							12:30pm Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club Diana Smith, Mgr 803-9564 or 432-3883 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista www.sierravistabridge.com		12:30pm		12:30pm	6:30pm	12:30pm	
Tucson Charity Bridge (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 5360 E Pima Street, Tucson info@tucsoncharitybridge.com OR www.tucsoncharitybridge.com		5pm NLM (Ventana)			12:30pm NLM (Streams)		

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
		AD CC			AD CG	
April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
AD CG		AD CG B LC CC	AD SW GNT	Tucson Spring Sectional Holiday Inn Palo Verde	Tucson Spring Sectional Holiday Inn Palo Verde	Tucson Spring Sectional Holiday Inn Palo Verde
April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
Tucson Spring Sectional Holiday Inn Palo Verde	AD CG GV CC		AD CG	LC CC	UWC (Local Clubs)	S CG
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Unit Game LC	AD CC		AD CC	AD CG GV BAM	LC B	AD, S CG
April 28	April 29	April 30				
Pro/Am Swiss Adobe		MV CG				

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, **AMB**--Membership Game, **GNT** - GNT Qualifier

TUCSON SPRING SECTIONAL

April 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2013

Holiday Inn—Palo Verde

Daily Schedule



We offer
Free Coffee, Tea, pastries,
muffins, bagels, smoked salmon,
free yummy candy, lectures
Free Buffet Lunch on Sunday and
Pre-dealt hands with hand records.

Thursday—April 11, 2013

9:00 AMStratified Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 199'er Pairs (Single Session) and Knockout I (Round 1)
1:30 PM.....Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 199'er Pairs (Single Session) and Knockout I (Round 2)
& Single Session Swiss Team

Friday—April 12, 2013

9:00 AMStratified Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 199'er Pairs (Single Session) and Knockout I (Round 3)
& Single Session Swiss Team
1:30 PMStratified Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 199'er Pairs (Single Session) and Knockout II (Round 1)

Saturday—April 13, 2013

9:00AM.....**Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)
Stratified 199'er Pairs (Single Session) & Knockout II (Round 2)
& Single Session Swiss Team
1:30 PM.....**Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)
Stratified 199'er Pairs (Single Session) & Knockout II (Round 3)
& Single Session Swiss Team

Sunday—April 14, 2013

9:00 AM & 1:30 PM.....Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)
Stratified 199'er Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)
All Two Session Players Receive a Complimentary Buffet Lunch

Fees: \$11.00 per person, per session for dues paying
ACBL Members and \$12.00 for all others

Tournament Chair: Steve Reynolds
(520) 488-7730 or TVS1@cox.net

Director-in-Charge: Eric Bell

Partnerships: Rudy Martinez (925) 382-9454

Holiday Inn - Palo Verde

4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85714
(520) 746-1161 or (800) 465-4329

Rooms \$89.00 double or single. Rooms include
Continental Breakfast and Wi-Fi. Blocked rooms
reserved until March 30 2013.

Phone reservations, use booking code "ABC" to
get the preferred rates.

Visit our website at www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com

This is a non smoking event.

Sanction #1304036

E-mail: Partnerships@SouthernArizonaBridge.com

Stratified Events: A=1500+; B=500-1500; C=0-500:

199'er Pairs: D=100-200; E=20-100; F=0-20

Knockouts: Bracketed by average master point holdings
of all team members - Top bracket may be handicapped

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams: (All scored at Victory
points) A=3000+; Ax=0-3000; B=1000-1500; C=500-1000;
D= 0-500

199'er Swiss Teams: (All scored at Victory points)
E=100-200; F=0-100

Single session entries will be accommodated



Fun, Fun, Fun!

Mark Your Calendars.

Pro/Am Swiss Team Game
Sunday April 28, 2013
Adobe Bridge Club

Snacks 12:30

Game Time: 1:00

Card Fee: \$5.00 Per Person.

A Pro Is a Life Master

Or anyone with more than 500 MP's

Need Help With A Partner Or Team?

Contact Marge Curvin

m.curvin@yahoo.com

319-1081

Please Sign Up By April 21

Sign Up Sheets Available At
www.southernarizonabridge.com

Pro-Am Swiss Team – Registration Form

Sunday, April 28, 2013

12:30 PM (1 PM game start) at Adobe Bridge Club

There are new definitions for a **Pro** and an **Am** for the April 28 Pro-Am Swiss Game. A **Pro-Am Pair** is composed of:

One player who has less than 500 masterpoints and is not a Life Master, called an **Am**, and

One player who has 500 or more masterpoints regardless of whether they are a Life Master, called a **Pro**.

Both of the above conditions must be true according to ACBL's records on April 14, 2013. This means that you must think ahead about when your points are being recorded at ACBL's headquarters. One advantage of the new definitions is that all players are eligible to play in the game in one category or the other.

A **Pro-Am Team** is composed of two Pro-Am Pairs.

It shouldn't be any surprise that communicating with a partner you have never played with before is difficult and may lead to mistakes. So we suggest that you play a few times with your Pro partner before the game, decide on your conventions, and fill out your convention card. To be fair, the Pro and Am should not be regular partners.

Adobe has a limited number of tables, and eligibility and stratification (by team average) need to be determined ahead of time. Therefore please register by **April 21, 2013**, by filling out this form and giving it to the director at any of the clubs. You can also email your registration and last minute changes to Marge Curvin @ m.curvin@yahoo.com or 319-1081.

A light snack will be provided before the game, so please **arrive around 12:30 PM**. This will also allow time for you to discuss your team's strategy and for the director to finalize everything for the game.

Pro-AM Team (must provide ACBL number):

Pro's Name: _____ ACBL #: _____

Am's Name: _____ ACBL #: _____

Pro's Name: _____ ACBL #: _____

Am's Name: _____ ACBL #: _____

If you need a partner or team, talk to Marge Curvin at a game, email her at m.curvin@yahoo.com, or call her at (520) 319-1081.

Good Luck and Have Fun!!