

Unit 356



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The Desert Kibitzer



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May 2013

May Events

May 6 - 11

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs
(STaC) Local Clubs

May 12

Unit Game
STaC Game
Adobe

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March Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

Jo-Ann Vaughn 10.03; Linda S Johnson 9.45; Eric Schulz 8.64; Betsy Howe 8.53;
Uta C Antony 7.92;

Master Point Winners Over 1000

Kenneth Badertscher 20.05; Martin Schiff Jr 18.06; George Good 17.93;
B Robert Simrak 17.26; Michael Levy 16.18;

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Bob Baptist 16.09; Mary Baptist 13.93; Butch Vuvunas 12.7; Ken Grafton 10.43; Al
Bowman 9.63; Bill Hackbarth 8.71; Margie Salazar 8.34; Fran Herrmann 8.31;
Tom Wightman 7.61; Betty Wightman 7.61;

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 750

Barbie Corbett 6.79; Margie Mecom 6.72; Jared Boulds 6.56; Jackie Gillette 6.43;
Lanie Constable 6.06;

Master Point Winners Open

Dave Douglass 19.86; Eric Swanson 14.88; Steve Maltzman 14.66; Nona Dale 13.05;
Marian Wilson 12.01;

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

Allen Bowman 9.61; Paul Black 9.61; Bill Hackbarth 7.11; Fran Herrmann 7.09;
Franz Schatz 7.09; Mary Baptist 5.85; Bob Baptist 5.85; Gail Meyer 4.77;
Ted Walden 4.62; Arnie Maki 3.63 & Gene Maki 3.63.

Mountain View Bridge Club

Master Point Winners NLM

Betty Edwards 3.72; Midge Miller 3.72; Steven Sahl 2.70; Sheila Caterracio 1.67;
Rhoda Kaplan 1.67'

Master Point Winners Open

Darlene Barstad 6.69; Vicki Hanson 5.80; Bob Stotts 5.08; Dean Frost 5.02.

Las Candelas *By Eric Swanson*

65% Games

Bud Stein - Sandra Singleton 71.31; Dave Douglass - Steve Maltzman 69.18;
Ken badersher - Martin Schiff 68.97; Eric Swanson - Ernest Ledbetter 68.37;
Diane Humphreys - Avice Bosse 68.06; Shatki Routh - on Piplani 67.30;
Shatki Routh - Dave Douglass 67.24; Myra DeByle - Rita Smith 67.01;
Donna DePessa - Steve Maltzman 66.93; Nancy Holt - Judson Jones 65.85;
Dave Douglass - Marie Heald 65.75; Eric Swanson - Louise Ducharne 65.48;
Donna DePessa - Steve Maltzman 65.38; Lincoln Brown - Richard Scheiblehut 65 18;
Don Cherry - Gail Heatherly. 65 14; Lou - Linda Akerman 65.00

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

Lillian Mahvi - Anne West 75.28%; Allen Bowman - Paul Black 72.45%;
Franz Schatz - Fran Herrmann 71.53% ; John Miles - Mary Jo Simunaci 65.74%;
Mary - Bob Baptist 65.72%;

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

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

65% Games

Bill Hackbarth - Butch Vuvunas 69.13; Fran Herrmann - Ernie Perkins 68.75;
Margie Salazar - Sandra Singleton 68.73; Rollie Armacost - Ken Grafton 68.73;
Bob - Mary Baptist 68.15; Bob - Mary Baptist 68.03; Ernie Perkins - Nora Tkacz 67.82;
Dee Overton - Lorraine Vonk 67.56; Les Balaascoe - Arne Maki 67.53;
Les Balascoe - Ken Grafton 66.20;

49'er Top Games

Dorlene Jones & Marjorie Chaplin 74.00; John & Ann Chaplin 66.28;
James & Lavonne Benning 66.00;

Adobe *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

65% games

B Robert Simrak - Nancy Atherton 72.49; Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser 69.35;
George Good - Lawrence Dev De Lucia 69.35; Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser 68.15;
David Burks - Gary Howell 67.31; Rick Ocker - Sharon O'Connor 66.74;
O Piplani - Chris Karabinas 66.51; Greg West - George Good 66.44;
Bob Keegan - Susan Keegan 66.20; Edward Helpert - Louis Herbster 65.97;
Lawrence De Lucia - Catherine Collinson 65.97;
Joseph Bianco - Lea Ann Perkin 65.94; Chuck Shaul - Robert Lewis 65.91;
Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher 65.83;
Linda S Johnson - Ladonna Palm 65.54; Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser 65.49;
Kenneth Badertscher - Betsy Howe 65.24; Martin Schiff Jr - Eric Schulz 65.05;
George Good - Greg West 65.00;

The Adobe will be continuing Dev De Lucia's Intermediate Supervised Bidding and Play class on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30, and will be starting a class on Conventions, with Bob Simrak as the instructor, on Tuesday, May 7, 9:00 to 11:00. This costs \$50 for 8 sessions.

Mountain View Bridge Club *By Jo Ann Aiken*

65% games

Barstad - Mette 71%; Stotts - West 69%; Depesa - Maltzman 66%

Tucson Charity Bridge Club *By Ruth Houkam*

65% games

Bob Dendinger - Larry Baum 70.03; Linda Akerman - Lou Akerman 66.35;
Kerm Franzen - Ruth Houkom 65.05;

Our March Charity was Tee Up for Tots, a volunteer organization that goes to Tucson pediatric oncology units and helps families through a most difficult time when their children are so sick. We donated \$1,500 to them for total donations of \$20,590. Club. This month we are collecting for Tee up for Tots.

Over 70% Games

Lillian Mahvi - Anne West 75.28%; Dorlene Jones & Marjorie Chaplin 74.00; B Robert Simrak - Nancy Atherton 72.49; Allen Bowman - Paul Black 72.45%; Franz Schatz - Fran Herrmann 71.53%; Bud Stein - Sandra Singleton 71.31; Barstad - Mette 71%; Bob Dendinger - Larry Baum 70.03;

BRIDGE BITES #23

AN AFTERNOON NAP

Brian Gunnell

♠ Q432 ♥ J ♦ AKQT2 ♣ J53
<i>Dummy</i> West East Declarer
♠ 87 ♥ AKQT98 ♦ 98 ♣ T86

E-W Vulnerable
 South West North East
 1♦ 3♠
 4♥ Pass Pass Pass

East's 3♠ bid was preemptive, showing a long suit (usually 7 cards) and a weak hand, its purpose being to make life difficult for the opponents. And so it does, pushing N-S into an ugly 4♥ contract which has 5 top losers.

West cashes his three Clubs and then shifts to a Diamond. You win that in Dummy and draw trumps, West following four times. Now, if you can bring home the Diamond suit, both of those Spade losers will disappear and this rotten contract will actually make! Do you play Diamonds from the top (hoping that they are 3-3 or that East has Jx)? Or do you finesse the Ten (playing West to have Jxxx)?

It may be tempting to think "East has seven Spades and West has none, therefore West is more likely to have Diamond length" But that's only part of the picture and you will, of course, count the whole hand. The only explanation for the defense so far is that West is void in Spades and that West does indeed have seven of them. So, West started life with no Spades, four Hearts, and six Clubs. This leaves him with three Diamonds, no more, no less! So, no guessing here, you confidently play the Diamonds from the top and the Spade losers are thrown off. It pays to count in this game!

	♠ Q432 ♥ J ♦ AKQT2 ♣ J53	
♠ ♥ 7432 ♦ 753 ♣ AKQ742	<i>Dummy</i> West East Declarer	♠ AKJT965 ♥ 65 ♦ J64 ♣ 9
	♠ 87 ♥ AKQT98 ♦ 98 ♣ T86	

It also pays to stay awake. Yes, you noticed, the defense was fast asleep! East must ruff the third Club, just in case West has no Spades. Now the Spades are cashed and it is down two. Was West blameless in this E-W fiasco?

Far from it! A more thoughtful West would have woken up his dozing Partner by leading a *low* Club at Trick 3. *That* will wake him up!

I /N Corner

It was great to see so many of you at the Sectional. And so many winners! **Congratulations to all beginners. We've found a great way to** make new friends, satisfy our competitive impulses, exercise our brains, and retain our humility.

May offers a special opportunity for I/N players to earn extra points. May 6-12 is the Spring Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) week. STAC weeks are held three times annually in May, August and December. As the title suggests, all clubs in the section play the same boards, and scores are computed within the local club, and then across all the clubs in the unit. For example, last year my partner carried me (he was characteristically brilliant) to second place in the I/N Unit game STAC at Adobe, sending us home with .34 points. The next morning when the boards were compared across all the section clubs, we were awarded an additional 1.27 from the Section for a total of 1.61 Silver! It was a tremendous haul for us. STAC games go on all week at our local clubs, with the Unit STAC game Sunday the 12th at Adobe. Lunch begins at 12:30, and play at 1:00. Bring your bridge bags and fill them up with Silver!

The path to Life Master is challenging. I saw an example of an expert player helping a new player on this journey several weeks ago. At a local club game, a less experienced pair, known as newby and newbier, **were facing two of Tucson's finest**—Greg West and Bob Stotts. As luck would have it, newbier was playing a difficult but makeable game contract. He was so nervous at facing such a fine pair that he misplayed and went down two. Newbier expressed his disappointment. Greg **extended a helping hand to the beginner by saying** "You played it perfectly until the last two cards. Well done." Well done Greg. You are an example we should all emulate.

Terry Coe

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Lynne L Dycus
Judy W Farris
Mark I Leibowitz
Sheku Massarat
Donald Nigg

New Club Masters:

Vera Breit

New Sectional Masters:

James Chisholm

New Advanced NABC Masters:

Jared Boulds

Milestones at Mesa

Jane Pendley and Marian Rogge reached major milestones at the Mesa Tournament. Playing Knockouts with a pair picked up at the tournament, Jane became a Life Master and Marian a Silver Life Master.

Two other Tucson players Jackie Gillette and Arline Henman also made Life Master in Mesa.

Congratulations

The Spring Sectional

The Spring Sectional was a great success with over 400 tables. There were numerous "well done" comments about the morning lox, the hospitality room with it's wonderful food and the Sunday buffet. The board thanks all who attended and we look forward to see you at the Member Appreciation game at Skyline C.C. in June. This was the highlight of the year as anyone who was there last year will tell you, so sign up early. This summer will see special games for the NLM players at the July, August and September events. As always Joan Merrill will have great food, so come and join us. The board works hard for every event to make sure that it is always the best bridge experience as well as the best bridge.

See you all soon,
Steve Reynolds

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	12:30pm Open & 1	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, Pearce - 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 – May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
			AD CG		AD CG	
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
	AD, LC, GV STAC	AD, LC,* MVBC STAC	AD, LC (both games) STAC	AD, LC, GV STAC	AD, LC, GV, MVBC STAC	STAC AD (both games), S
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
UNIT STAC AD	GV AMB	AD CG B	LC CC (both games)	AD SFG GV AMB	GV AMB MVBC CG	AD CC (both games)
May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25
AD CG					AD CC	AD CG (both games)
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	
	AD CG		AD AMB	AD CG	LC B	

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, * See write-up under club