

Unit 356



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# Desert Kibitzer



BRIDGE NEWS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA  
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December 2013

## December Events

November 24th.  
Unit Game  
Las Candelas

December 16 - 21  
STAC  
Local Clubs

## December 22

Unit STAC  
Member Appreciation  
2 Single Sessions  
Hotel Tucson

Reservation required

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## Welcome New Members

Mary Aveiro  
Arlene S Gray  
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District 17 Official Website: [www.d17acbl.org/](http://www.d17acbl.org/)  
Unit 356 Official website [www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com](http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com)

September Master Point Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

*Master Point Winners Under 1000*

Sarah Baumann 12.49; Margaret Curvin 7.15; Duncan MacDonell 7.09; Hurd Baruch 7.02; Chuck Shaull 6.71; Robert Lewis 6.71.

*Master Point Winners Over 1000*

Greg West 18.53; Richard Plumer 18.21; George Good 18.03; Martin Schiff Jr 17.85; Percy Brown 15.69.

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

*Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Ron Payne 18.97; Bob Baptist 17.61; Gail Meyer 16.72; Mary Baptist 15.61; Nora Tkacz 14.01; Warren Fuesz 13.33; Russ Stowers 12.7; Paul Black 12.18; Rollie Armacost 11.88; Darlene Armacost 11.88.

Las Candelas Bridge Club

*Master Point Winners Under 750*

Jackie Gillette 13.48; Del Rieschick 9.37; Bettina Thompson 8.57; Lynda Thomas 8.44; Lanie Constable 8.40.

*Master Point Winners Open*

Dave Douglass 13.95; Shakti Routh 11.02; David Chakmakian 10.17; Rita Smith 10.05; Jerry Nicholson 9.71.

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

*Master Point Winners*

Ted Walden 9.47; Ken Grafton 8.21; Russ Stowers 6.25; Ron Payne 6.19; Ted Fones 6.00; Paul Black 5.40; Al Bowman 5.40; Fran Herrmann 4.69; Franz Schatz 4.69; Lorraine Vonk 4.46.

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Judith E Bois  
Herbert Graffweg  
Bruce D Grossetta  
Gary Holt  
San Myers  
William J Sohn

New Club Masters:

Cynthia E Ochs  
Paul C Summers

New Sectional Masters:

Audrey R Einstein  
Susan Keegan

Recent Rank Advances

New Sectional Masters:

Sharon Loane  
Vicki Siegert  
Elliott J Weiss

New Regional Masters:

David W Jaskar  
Jeannine Leary  
Carole Parent

New Silver Life Masters:

Diana McGinn

New Diamond Life Masters:

Louis Herbster

## **Las Candelas** *By Sunand Bal*

### 65% Games

Margaret Nikoden - Joanne Hammon 71.50; Jared Boulds - Al Peters 70.00; Dave Douglass - Aaron Carnes 68.69; Bill Beach - Harry Elliott 68.59; Dave Douglass - Nandkumar Bakshani 67.63; Adair Karlin - Maria Morris 67.47; Lanie Constable - Lee Erdman 66.99; Carol Pilmar - Ken Badertscher 65.74; Patty Starr - Audrey Einstein 65.50; Lanie Constable - Maria Morris 65.21;

## **Saguaro** *By Doris Kuzmak*

### 65% Games

Club Appreciation Game Board-A-Match Results:

Strat A: 1st- Russ Stowers, Ken Grafton, Allen Bowman and Paul Black- 74.07 %

Strat B: 1st -Frank Giuffreda, Dee Overton, Bill Beach and Joanne Day

Strat C: 1/2 – Jeannette Hallquisr, George Rucker, Pat Belden and Joy Roberts  
1/2 - Dalene Goetz, Rita Kurrus, Phyllis Alley and Anne West

Our Holiday Party will be December 7, 2013. It will be a Charity Game for the Salvation Army, The Club provides the meat and beverages. Bring a side dish to share. Buffet starts @11:45.

## **Green Valley** *By Allen Bowman*

### 65% Games

Bob Baptist - Ken Grafton 72.99; Bob Baptist - Ken Grafton 68.11;  
Frank Giuffreda - Sandra Singleton 67.99; Ted Fones - Nora Tkacz 67.69;  
Warren Fuesz - Ron Payne 67.59; Rollie & Darlene Armacost 67.23;  
Nora Tkacz - Lorraine Vonk 66.94; Dick Grannis - Greg Roth 65.63;  
Bob & Mary Baptist 65.19; Gail Meyer - Lorraine Vonk 65.15.

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

### 65% games

Nicolai Minenko - David Rinehart 68.81; William Howard - Greg West 68.12;  
Ladonna Palm - Linda S Johnson 67.52; Robert Lewis - Chuck Shaul 66.09;  
Is Krohn - Mary Maxwell 66.07; Greg West - George Good 66.06;  
David Rinehart - Randall Mandigo 65.92; George Good - Greg West 65.02.

Dev De Lucia will start a Beginning Bridge class on Thursday, January 7, 9:00 – 11:00. This costs \$60, plus \$15 for a book, if wanted, and runs for 10 sessions. He will continue his Intermediate Supervised Bidding and Play class on Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:30. **Bob Simrak's Slam Bidding class will continue into January. It is held on Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:00.** The club will be closed all day Saturday, December 7.

**Tucson Charity Bridge** *By Ruth Houkom*

65% Games

Pam Shoemaker - Tom Shoemaker 71.11; Charlotte Toppel - Shirley Matlick 69.18; Sophie Katz - Sandra Levkowitz 66.00; Wendy Feldman - Sandra Rolling 65.94.

We have donated almost \$31,000 to local charities, doubling the amount we had donated as of January, 2013. We started a new game on Tuesday morning to accommodate our winter visitors -- our space only allows for 18 tables. THANKS to everyone for your support!!

Over 70% Games

Russ Stowers, Ken Grafton, Allen Bowman and Paul Black 74.07;  
Bob Baptist - Ken Grafton 72.99; Margaret Nikoden - Joanne Hammon 71.50;  
Pam Shoemaker - Tom Shoemaker 71.11; Jared Boulds - Al Peters 70.00;

## TUCSON WINTER SECTIONAL LECTURE SCHEDULE

Thursday January 9 12:30 PM

Ken Badertscher  
Negative Free Bids

Friday January 10 12:30 PM

Barbara Feeley  
Drury: Why, When & How

Saturday January 11 12:30 PM

Donna DePesa & Steve Maltzman  
Two-Way New Minor

# BRIDGE BITES #31

# THE SAFE HAND

Brian Gunnell

<p>♠ K543 ♥ AT ♦ A97 ♣ 8543</p>	<p>Both Vulnerable  <i>South West North East</i>  <b>1NT Pass 2♣ Pass</b>  <b>2♦ Pass 3NT Pass</b>  <b>Pass Pass</b></p>
<p><i>Dummy</i></p> <p><i>West East</i></p> <p><i>Declarer</i></p>	<p>3NT is the normal contract, with 9 top tricks. But this event was duplicate bridge where it's not always enough just to make your contract, it's also important to make overtricks. So, the question for you South players is "How do you make 10 tricks after an opening Diamond lead?"</p>
<p>♠ 76 ♥ Q86 ♦ KQ3 ♣ AKQT7</p>	

It would be too risky to lead towards the ♠K, the defense might rattle off five tricks in the suit. Hearts are the best place to get that extra trick and there are two ways to tackle the suit ... either finesse the Ten hoping that West has the Jack ... or lead towards the Queen hoping that East has the King. Which do you choose?

Playing East for the ♥K is dangerous! If it turns out that West has the King then he will shift dramatically to the ♠J and your cold contract is down one! The correct play is to win the opening lead in hand and finesse the ♥T, forcing East to win the trick. On this deal, East is the "safe hand", the one that cannot make the deadly Spade shift through Dummy's King.

	<p>♠ K543 ♥ AT ♦ A97 ♣ 8543</p>	
<p>♠ J92 ♥ J94 ♦ J652 ♣ J62</p>	<p><i>Dummy</i></p> <p><i>West East</i></p> <p><i>Declarer</i></p>	<p>♠ AQT8 ♥ K7532 ♦ T84 ♣ 9</p>
	<p>♠ 76 ♥ Q86 ♦ KQ3 ♣ AKQT7</p>	

As can be seen, either of the two Heart plays would have worked, but you only get full credit if you chose to finesse the Heart Ten.

**Post Script** When Declarer led a Heart towards Dummy's **AT** West could have made a brilliant and spectacular play! If he rises majestically with the Jack then Declarer will fear that West started with the King as well. If that's the case then the 10<sup>th</sup> trick cannot be developed without letting the danger hand gain the lead and that terrific play of the ♥J might persuade a nervous (aka chicken) Declarer to settle for 9 tricks (reasoning that West has the Jack *and* the King). But a bold Declarer will go for the gusto, playing a second round of Hearts and risking the contract for the precious overtrick.



# TUCSON WINTER SECTIONAL

January 9—12, 2014—Holiday Inn - Palo Verde

## Daily Schedule

### Thursday—January 9, 2014

9:00 AM .....Stratified Pairs (Single Session)  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs** (Single Session) and [Knockout I](#) (Round 1)

1:30 PM.....Stratified Pairs (Single Session)  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs** (Single Session) and [Knockout I](#) (Round 2)  
 & Single Session Swiss Team

### Friday—January 10, 2014

9:00 AM .....Stratified Pairs (Single Session)  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs** (Single Session) and [Knockout I](#) (Round 3)  
 & Single Session Swiss Team

1:30 PM .....Stratified Pairs (Single Session)  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs** (Single Session) and [Knockout II](#) (Round 1)

### Saturday—January 11, 2014

**9:00AM.....Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs** (Single Session) & [Knockout II](#) (Round 2)  
 & Single Session Swiss Team

**1:30 PM.....Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs** (Single Session) & [Knockout II](#) (Round 3)  
 & Single Session Swiss Team

### Sunday—January 12, 2014

**9:00 AM & TBA.....Strati-flighted Swiss Teams** (Two Sessions)  
**Stratified 299'er Swiss Teams** (Two Sessions)

Stratified Events: A=1500+; B=500-1500; C=0-500;  
**299'er Pairs:** D=100-300; 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=750-1500;  
 C=300-750; D=0-300  
**299'er Swiss Teams:** (All scored at Victory points)  
 E=100-300; F=0-100  
 Single session entries will be accommodated  
 Sanction # 1401037



Fees: \$12.00 for dues paying ACBL  
 Members and \$15.00 for all others.

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We offer coffee and tea, bagels, muffins, salmon, yummy  
candy, lectures, pre-dealt hands with hand records and a  
complimentary lunch buffet for our double session Sunday  
Swiss Team event.

## 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 Dec 29.

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



# Cactus Flower Non Life Master Regional

February 20 – 23, 2014

Under 750 Masterpoints

Win **gold** points in  
two-session events

## Thursday, February 20

9:00 am & 1:30pm

Stratified NLM Pairs (Two Session)

Stratified 49er Pairs (Two Session)

12:00pm

Free Bridge + Game for players  
under 5 points

12:30 PM LECTURES THU/FRI/SAT

## Friday, February 21

9:00 am & 1:30pm

Compact KO I (Sessions 1 & 2)

Stratified NLM Pairs (Two Session)

Stratified 49er Pairs (Two Session)

1:30pm

Stratified Swiss Team (Single Session)

7:00pm

Compact KO II (Session 1)

## Saturday, February 22

9:00 am & 1:30pm

Stratified NLM Pairs (Two Session)

Stratified 49er Pairs (Two Session)

7:00pm

Compact KO II (Session 2)

Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)

## Sunday, February 23

9:00am and TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)

(scored at Victory points)

Stratified 49er Swiss Teams

(Two Sessions)

**We Offer**

Free Coffee and Tea, Free Morning treats, yum-  
my candy, free Lectures, Plentiful free parking,

Pre-Dealt hands with hand records and **Free**

**Buffet Lunch on**

**Sunday for all 2 session players!!!**



## **Holiday Inn—Palo Verde**

**4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd.**

**Tucson, AZ 85714**

**(520) 746-1161**

Rooms \$59/69 double or single. Rooms  
include Continental Breakfast and Wi-Fi.  
Rate and availability confirmed until at  
least **2/14/2014**, use **NLM 0214** when  
booking your room **on line** or by phone.

Fees: \$12.00 for dues paying ACBL Members  
add'l \$4.00 surcharge for non-ACBL members

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NLM Pairs: A=300-NLM (750); B=100-300;

C=0-100; D=20-50; E=5-20 and F= 0-5

Knockouts: Bracketed by average master  
point holdings of all team members Single

session entries will be accommodated

Sanction #1402028

## 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>9:00 am</b> 299'er  <b>12:30pm</b> Open & l	<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 Canoa			<b>1:00pm</b> Inv Canoa	<b>1:00pm</b> Inv Canoa	
<b>High Desert Hands</b> (Mary Ahearn, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:mahearn@vtc.net">mahearn@vtc.net</a> 1270 Treasure Road, Pearce - <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>9:30-11:30am</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>12:30am</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://www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/">www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/</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.bridgewebs.com/tucsoncharity">www.bridgewebs.com/tucsoncharity</a>		<b>5pm</b> NLM (Ventana)			<b>12:30pm</b> NLM (Streams)		



## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
	<b>AD CG LC CC</b>		<b>AD CG</b>			
December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14
<b>AD CC</b>		<b>AD CG, B LC CC</b>		<b>AD CG</b>	<b>AD CG LC, GV CC</b>	<b>AD AMB (both games)</b>
December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21
<b>LC GNT Qualifier</b>	<b>AD, LC, GV STAC</b>	<b>AD, LC, MV STAC</b>	<b>AD, LC STAC (both games)</b>	<b>AD, LC, GV STAC</b>	<b>AD, LC, MV, GV STAC</b>	<b>S, LC, AD STAC (both games)</b>
December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28
<b>UNIT 2 single sessions STAC</b>  Hotel Tucson			<b>Merry Christmas</b>	<b>AD CC</b>	<b>LC, TM B MV CC</b>	<b>AD CG (both games) S CC</b>
December 29	December 30	December 31				

**Abbreviations:** **AD**— Adobe, **LC**— Las Candelas, **MV**— Mountain View, **S**—Saguaro, **TM**— Thunder Mountain, **GV** - Green Valley, **HDH** High Desert Hands, **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, **NAP** - North American Pair Qualifier, \* See write-up under club