

I/N BRIDGE NEWS

By Cindy Shoemaker, I/N Unit Representative



**FREE LECTURES
BALLROOM
12:30 p.m.**

**Avoid Misdeeds and
Missteps at the
Bridge Table**

**Steve Reynolds
Thursday, Nov. 12**

**Bids Over Partner's
One No Trump
Opening**

**Barbara Rosenthal
Friday, Nov. 13**

**Takeout Doubles
and Responses**

**Mike Smith
Saturday, Nov. 14**

Go for the Gold at Tucson's Cactus Flower Regional

Tucson delivers the gold at the Cactus Flower Regional held Thursday, November 12 through Sunday, November 15, 2015, at the Hotel Tucson City Center InnSuites Conference Resort.

Exclusively for non-life masters with less than 750 points, the Cactus Flower Regional offers you the opportunity to win gold points in two-session events.

VARIED SCHEDULE

With preferred start times of 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., choose from a varied event schedule that includes: Knockouts, stratified one- and two-session pairs, stratified 49er pairs and single session Swiss Teams. Reserve Sunday for a two-session Swiss Teams event featuring a complimentary buffet lunch.

CENTRALLY LOCATED

A scent-free environment, games will be held in Hotel Tucson's carpeted well-lighted ballroom. Set in the Presidio

Arts District, this straightforward hotel is conveniently located just minutes from I-10 and offers free parking.

ASK an EXPERT

Find answers to why you received a top or a bottom board by bringing your hand records to an expert immediately after play Thursday - Saturday afternoons.

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Fall Pro-Am Swiss Teams Game

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Las Candelas Bridge Club

The Fall Pro-Am Swiss Teams game is rapidly approaching. Teams are forming now for play Sunday, September 20, 2015, at Las Candelas Bridge Club. The game starts at 1 p.m., but please arrive by 12:30 p.m. to socialize, enjoy a light snack and get ready to play. Cost: \$5 per player. Master points awarded.

To enter your team, complete and drop off a registration form available at all clubs or e-mail your team to endyshoemaker@yahoo.com



Win Silver points at The Tucson Fall Sectional

**FREE
LECTURES
12:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendar for play at the Tucson Fall Sectional October 15 - 18, 2015, at the Grand Luxe Hotel, Tucson.

With start times of 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., choose from stratified games that include: Pairs, single-session Swiss Teams, Knockouts and 199'er pairs. Play Sunday two-session Swiss Teams either strati-flighted Swiss Teams or stratified 199'er Swiss Teams beginning at 9 a.m. and receive a FREE buffet lunch.

LEARN FROM THE PROS

Attend FREE lectures by top local experts Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 12:30 p.m. All NLMs who attend a lecture will receive a \$2 discount coupon for any Tucson Fall Sectional event. Listen to all three lectures and save!

Lecture Schedule

Thursday, October 15 Jared Boulds
Game Tries: 1 Major, 2 Major and Then What?

Friday, October 16 Steve Maltzman
3 Easy Conventions To Get You Top Boards

Saturday, October 17 Ken Badertscher
Hand Evaluation: Upgrade, Downgrade or Not

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DOOR PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

Register to win Dinner with a Pro Friday evening, November 13 at the original El Charro Cafe, downtown Tucson. Up to six players and guests will win.

Also enter to win a bridge survival basket with giveaways Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In keeping with tradition, the Cactus Flower Regional will offer free smoked salmon, bagels and cream cheese each morning along with free muffins, coffee and tea. Free candy, chocolates and Red Vines will be available during play.

IT'S YOUR REGIONAL

Tucson's Cactus Flower Regional is the NLM tournament you won't want to miss. For details go to: www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com



Improve Play with Mentor Support

With two distinct mentor programs to choose from, Tucson is the place to up your game.

Whether you are seeking advice, confidence or encouragement mentors can take you to the next level.

Even the “big guns” have mentors. Marc Smith and Eddie Kantor agree that they would not have reached their goals without the support of mentors.

Las Candelas Bridge Club

offers a structured mentor program Wednesday mornings mid-October through mid-May from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Mentor/mentee pairs challenge each other while playing approximately 12 boards per week. Constructive comments can be solicited after each hand with further review and analysis through hand records immediately after play, by phone or by e-mail. Black points are rewarded. Fee: \$5 per person.

Run by Eric Swanson, life master with over 4,200 points, Swanson has won a Mini McKinney, several Ace of Clubs and placed well in a National Pairs event winning platinum points.

“I enjoy helping players and want them to develop a keen card sense,” said Swanson. “It is my belief that players should strive to get all of their tricks as defenders as well as declarers.”

Eric is a true believer in Loosing Trick Count, a convention free philosophy that gives strong incite into the level a contract should be. He encourages all attendees to incorporate LTC into their games.

Although consistent attendance is encouraged, it is not a prerequisite to participate.

For further details, please contact Eric Swanson eds6234@msn.com or call 303-905-5848.

Adobe Bridge Club

offers a mentor program where participants work together to determine dates to play. Mentors are paired with mentees based on skill level and personality.

As incentive, mentors receive 10 free plays to be used during season September through June while mentees pay regular club fees. Mentors and mentees are encouraged to review hand records immediately after play, by phone or by e-mail.

“Many of our participants are working or have active travel schedules and enjoy the flexibility of this program,” said Jared Boulds, club manager, Adobe Bridge Club. “Players and mentees decide whether to play one or two games per month or skip months when time constraints prohibit play.”

In keeping with the philosophy that creating synergy between life masters and non-life masters helps build a cohesive and energized playing environment, Adobe’s mentor program has over 40 mentors and over 50 mentees.

To participate in Adobe Bridge Club’s mentor program contact Jared Boulds, club manager, 520-795-2441.

Whether you’re seeking advice, confidence or encouragement, mentors can make a difference. Why not join a mentor program today?

PLAY WEEKEND UNIT GAMES

Earn a higher percentage of black points when you play championship-rated unit games scheduled Saturdays and/or Sundays each month at Las Candelas Bridge Club, Adobe Bridge Club or in Green Valley.



Unit games attract players from all of Southern Arizona giving you the opportunity to meet new people and to

reconnect with old friends.



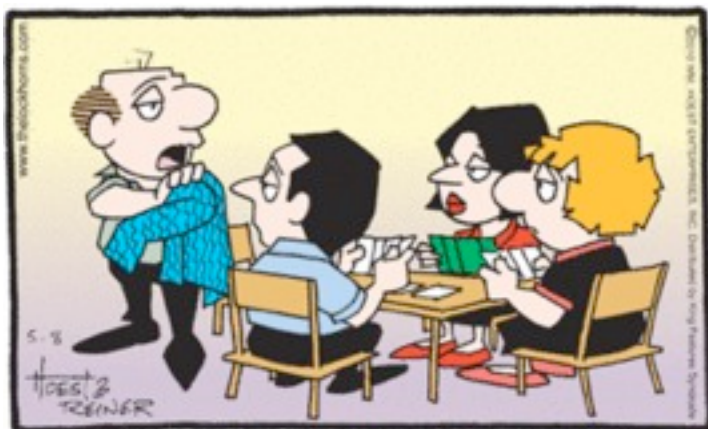
Unit games are stratified meaning that you will compete against those closest to your master

point count just like tournament play.

Unit games typically start at 1 p.m., but arrive 30 minutes early to mingle and enjoy a complimentary lunch, refreshments and dessert.

Cost: \$5 per player

To find a partner contact Cindy Shoemaker, I/N representative, cndyshoemaker@yahoo.com



"I THOUGHT YOU WERE KICKING ME UNDER THE TABLE BECAUSE YOU WERE READY TO GO."

Remaining Weekend Unit Games 2015

Sunday, September 12
Las Candelas
520-696-9101

Sunday, September 20
Fall Pro-Am Swiss Teams
Las Candelas
cndyshoemaker@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 4
Adobe Bridge Club
520-795-2441

Sunday, November 22
Las Candelas
520-696-9101

Saturday, December 13
Member Appreciation
Game
bnjmerrill@aol.com

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tournaments go to
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