

H Unit 356



Unit 356



August 2017

## August Events

Saturday August 12

Unit Game  
Saguaro (Green Valley)

STAC August 21 - 27

Local Clubs

## Welcome New Members

Ron Gospodarek  
Betty Leftault  
Charles J Leftault Jr  
Kenneth M Peoples

## Contribute to the Kibitzer

The Kibitzer welcomes articles and information from players and clubs throughout our unit. Deadline for submissions are the 15th of the month.

Articles should be in word or text format, photos in .jpg format.

Use  
The Unit Directory  
See page 7

## 2017 UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Cindy Shoemaker

VICE PRESIDENT: Mindy Hawkins

TREASURER: Carolyn Reynolds

SECRETARY: **Betsy O'Dell**

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Steve Reynolds

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR:

Cindy Shoemaker

PARTNERSHIPS: Rudy Martinez

CADDY MASTER: Judson Jones

CLUB MANAGER: L. E. Hall

EDUCATION: Ann Shaylor

FACEBOOK: Ann Shaylor

MEMBERSHIP: Ann Hinge

I/N REPRESENTATIVE: Diana Galis

CONDUCT AND ETHICS: Kenneth Grafton

HOSPITALITY: Committee

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DISTRICT 17 REP: Darwin Afdahl

Webmaster and Kibitzer: Ann Hinge

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

**Adobe** *By Jared Boulds*

**June Results**

*Master Point Winners Under 750*

Brad Leach 17.14; Sundaresan Ram 15.1; Randi Berkson 12.22;  
Monica Quinlan 11.04; John Heieck 9.69.

*Master Point Winners 0 - 2500*

William Schelstrate 22.81; Carol Pilmar 22.19; Jared Boulds 19.17;  
Brad Leach 17.14; Sunand Bal 16.94.

*Master Point Winners Open*

Martin Schiff 31.18; George Good 29.17; Greg West 25.64;  
William Schelstrate 22.81; Carol Pilmar 22.19.

*65% games*

Martin Schiff - Sundaresan Ram 73.08; Nicolai Minenko - Martin Schiff 71.16;  
Jared Boulds - Martin Schiff 70.19; David Rinehart - Randall Mandigo 67.72;  
Martin Schiff - David Rinehart 67.65; Martin Schiff - Jared Boulds 67.21;  
William Howard - Louis Herbster 66.54; Greg West - George Good 66.43; Helen At-  
will - William Howard 66.3; William Schelstrate - Brad Leach 65.38;  
Henry Buch - Richard Plumer 65.11; Marian Wilson - Martie Mecom 65.03;

**Small Slams Bridge Club** *By Joyce Honorof*

**June Results**

*Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Bruce Block 2.98; Bill Webster 2.98; Barbara Haugland 2.72; Ed Haugland 2.72;  
Anne Roberts 1.80; Jim Gold 1.48; Karen Muench 1.40; Stephanie Parks 1.40;  
Sue Hagerty 1.36; Jim Wolf 1.36

*65% Games*

im Coe - Sue Hagerty 69.01; Phil & Sue Bush 68.11; Bruce Block - Bill Webster  
67.43; Jim Gold - Carl Tavor 65.45; Barbara & Ed Haugland 65.18.

**Mike's Play and Learn Bridge** *By Mike Smith*

**June Results**

*Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Sandy Cohen 1.79; Doug Cain 1.23; Sherry Cain 1.23; Andy Stein 1.12.

*65% games*

Joey Curtis - Wendy Reed 68.19; Chuck Hunter - Mary Delfs 67.50;  
Doug & Sherry Cain 65.00; Sandy Cohen - Chuck Miller 65.00;  
Mary Jo & Bob Ogurek 65.00; Jack Shoemaker - Andy Stein 65.00.

## **Tucson Charity Bridge** *By Pat Felker*

### **June Results**

#### *Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Lu Rudolph 10.98; Hurd Baruch 10.05; Elliott Weiss 7.65; Anita Weiss 6.78;  
Janice Richard 6.78; Robert Helitzer 6.24; Joseph Bianco 6.14, Samuel Sagi 5.65;  
Irwin Rosman 5.17; James Kerr 4.95.

#### *65% GAMES*

William Robinson - Irwin Rosman 67.21; David Burks - Gary Howell 67.04;  
Alicia Anderson - Lu Rudolph 65.74; Janice Richard - Anita Weiss 65.58;  
Hurd Aruch - James Kerr 65.50; Hurd Baruch - Elliott Weiss 65.05.

#### **DONATIONS**

The club and individual donations allowed the group to donate \$2,717 to OPERATION SCHOOL BELL. Since 1994, this organization has provided children with the greatest need in Tucson with appropriate clothing to encourage regular school attendance and improve self-esteem.

## **Bridge Center of Greater Tucson** *By Al Spaet*

### **June Results**

#### *Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Greg West 7.7; Donna Depesa 4.48; Ed Helpert 4.19; Steve Maltzman 3.95;  
Peter Godfrey 3.8; Darlene Barstadt 3.56; Eric Vonderheid 3.4; Bob Murray 3.4;  
Alicia Anderson 3.02; Bob Stotts 2.93

#### *65% GAMES*

Bob Lewis - Uta Antony 71; Ann Kuperberg - Jack Wholey 68;  
Donna Depesa - Greg West 68; Bob Lewis - Jim Huble 67;  
Alicia Anderson - Barbara Dever 67; Marian Rogge - Darlene Barstadt 65;

Newcomers of the Bridge World - Unite!

**We proudly announce that the Bridge Center will now be sponsoring a Newcomer's Game on Wednesdays of each week. This game has been designed to bring the very newest players in our community into the duplicate venue. We'll be giving them the instruction and play experience they need to feel comfortable with duplicate boards, duplicate rules, bidding boxes, scoring machines and matchpoint scoring - in a low-pressure environment that includes both instruction and supervised play. Join us Wednesdays at 12:15 for pre-game instruction (game play starts at 1pm) this summer!**

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

### **June Results**

#### *Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Corinne Leachman 9.64; Gary Mitchell 9.64; Ernie Perkins 7.59;  
Jon Stromquist 7.53; Nora Tkacz 7.52; Ray Austin 7.09; Mary Baptist 6.72;  
Mary Bonham 6.68; Franz Schatz 6.45; Bob Baptist 6.32.

#### *65% games*

Marvin & Carol Gove 69.55; Bob & Mary Baptist 69.07;  
John Arnold - Joan Opinante 68.74; Mick & Linda Miller 66.67;  
Arne Maki - Ted Walden 66.5; Mick & Linda Miller 66.4; Mick & Linda Miller 65.71;  
Russ Stowers - Ted Walden 65.63; Bill Barkley - Al Bowman 65.13.

## **High Desert Hand** *By Carol Lee Erbeck*

### **June Results**

#### *Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Mabel Kadet 4.12; Anne Spaulding 4.12; Norma Sue Griffin 3.62;  
Elliott Hendricks 3.13; James Martin 2.93; Jackie Foster 2.35; Jane Klug 2.35;  
Mary Ahearn 2.33; Vikki McBee 1.30; David Lloyd 1.30.

#### *65% Games*

Norma Sue Griffin - Elliott Hendricks 67.50.

High Desert Hands supported Thunder Mountain Bridge Club during their Longest  
**Day and contributed \$50 to the Alzheimer's Association.**

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

### **June Results**

#### *Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Nora Tkacz 7.08; Ted Kurrus 7.08; Jon Stromquist 6.73; Arne Maki 5.07;  
Mary Armstrong 4.73; Joanne Franson 4.73; Mary Baptist 4.50;  
Robert Baptist 4.50; Fran Herrmann 4.01; Franz Schatz 4.01.

#### *65% GAMES*

Mary & Robert Baptist 67.88; Joan Opinante - Ken Grafton 65.47; F  
ran Herrmann - Franz Schatz 65.28.

**June Results**

*Top Ten Master Point Winners*

Paul Soper 8.54; Marc Hay 8.54; Carol Thornton 7.12; Jim Cobis 6.01; Marjorie Dugas 5.67; Margaret Glenn 4.86; Kaye Dean 4.67; Carole Parent 4.42; Bob Walton 4.23; Judy Shelnett 2.87.

*65% GAMES*

Carol Thornton - Margaret Glenn 82.50; Carol Thornton - Jim Cobis 73.80;  
Paul Soper - Dick Turke 66.67; Margaret Glenn - Marjorie Dugas 66.67;  
Marc Hay - Paul Soper 65.60.

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Laraine Brokaw  
Kay A Galligan  
Arthur Herbst

New Club Masters:

Terry J Cox  
G C (Clay) Cox Jr  
Mary J Delfs  
Dorothy M Hall  
Charles Hunter

New Sectional Masters:

Carolyn R Sittnick

Recent Rank Advances

New Sectional Masters:

Carolyn R Sittnick

New Regional Masters:

Kathleen A Feeney  
Joyce A Hagin  
Jennifer Jacobs  
Jane Mucklo  
Karen E Muench  
Kay E Turner

New Ruby Life Masters:

Marc R Hay

Over 70% Games all Clubs

**June Results**

Carol Thornton - Margaret Glenn 82.50; Martin Schiff - Sundaresan Ram 73.08;  
Nicolai Minenko - Martin Schiff 71.16; Bob Lewis - Uta Antony 71.00;  
Jared Boulds - Martin Schiff 70.19;

Congratulation Marty!

Adobe had 3 games over 70% in June and you played in all of them.



# THE CACTUS FLOWER NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL

SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2017

TUCSON, AZ

HOTEL TUCSON CITY CENTER



Open Pairs

Trophies

Gold Rush Pairs

Giveaways

Gold Rush Swiss

Labels with your name/ACBL #

Compact Knockouts

EARN 25 PERCENT GOLD POINTS IN TWO-SESSION EVENTS EXCLUSIVELY FOR NON-LIFE MASTERS WITH LESS THAN 750 POINTS.

FREE lectures Thursday through Saturday. FREE coffee, Danish, treats and candy.

Director in Charge: ERIC BELL Tournament chair: STEVE REYNOLDS, [tv1@cox.net](mailto:tv1@cox.net)

Intermediate/newcomer representative: DIANA GALIS, [dianagalis@comcast.net](mailto:dianagalis@comcast.net)

Partnerships: RUDY MARTINEZ, 925-382-9454, [rfmartinez999@gmail.com](mailto:rfmartinez999@gmail.com)

Fees: \$13 per session for paid members; \$17 for all others.

475 N. Granada Ave., Tucson, AZ 520-622-3000

Room rates: \$79 single/double. \$99 suite. Includes WiFi and ample free parking

Rooms reserved until September 18, 2017. Booking code: NLM REGIONAL.

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## THE CACTUS FLOWER NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2017 HOTEL TUCSON CITY CENTER



### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 AM SIDE GAME SERIES SINGLE SESSION 1 OF 6  
GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS 1 OF 2  
COMPACT KNOCKOUT SESSIONS 1 AND 2

1:00 PM **FREE LECTURE!**

2:00 PM SIDE GAME SERIES SINGLE SESSION 2 OF 6  
GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS 2 OF 2  
COMPACT KNOCKOUT SESSIONS 3 AND 4

7:00 PM **GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS  
SESSION 1 OF 2. \$2 off evening play!**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 AM SIDE GAME SERIES SINGLE SESSION 3 OF 6  
GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS 1 OF 2  
GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS SESSION 1 OF 2

1:00 PM **FREE LECTURE!**

2:00 PM SIDE GAME SERIES SINGLE SESSION 4 OF 6  
GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS 2 OF 2  
GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS SESSION 2 OF 2

7:00 PM **GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS  
SESSION 2 OF 2. \$2 off evening play!**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 AM SIDE GAME SERIES SINGLE SESSION 5 OF 6  
GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS SESSION 1 OF 2  
COMPACT KNOCKOUT SESSIONS 1 AND 2

1:00 PM **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER!**

2:00 PM SIDE GAME SERIES SINGLE SESSION 6 OF 6  
GOLD RUSH STRATIFIED PAIRS SESSION 2 OF 2  
COMPACT KNOCKOUT SESSIONS 3 AND 4

**EVENING OPEN TO EXPLORE TUCSON!**

For ideas go to [www.tucsonguide.com](http://www.tucsonguide.com)

### SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 - 9 AM WINNING TIPS AND STRATEGIES  
9:30 AM/TBA SESSIONS 1 and 2

**FREE BUFFET LUNCH INCLUDED!**

Stratifications: A = 300 - 750(NLM); B = 100 - 300, C = 0 - 100

### MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN GOLD!

Players finishing in the overalls (stratification A) in a two-session (or more) pair event and first place winners of each side game series who complete two of six games will be awarded 25% GOLD and 75% red masterpoints. First place in the top stratification of two or more session pair events and Swiss teams and winners of the compact knockouts will also receive 25% GOLD and 75% red masterpoints. All other awards are 100% red masterpoints.

# The Unit Directory

Need to contact a unit 356 player?

You can access member information online anytime by going to the Unit 356 homepage at <http://www.southernarizonabridge.com/> and click UnitDirectory. Simply login with your ACBL number. (Please read the login page if you are a first time user.). Updated once a month, the Unit 356 Directory can only be accessed by members of Unit 356. All the information comes from the ACBL and can only be changed at ACBL.

To search for a player, type in as much as you remember of first name, last name and/or phone number, then click Search. If the first letter in first name and/or last name is capital, only names that starts with the letter is shown.

For example, Ra will show Randy, but not Barbara and ra will show both Randy and Barbara. Only the first phone number minus area codes is used in the search. All players that fulfill the requirements will be listed. Select one and click OK. Click clear before starting a new search.

To remove yourself from the directory, select your own name and hit the opt out button, type in your ACBL number, and click the opt out button again.

## Northwest Tucson Bridge Clubs unite to raise \$8,298 for Alzheimer's Association

By Barbara Starrett



On the summer solstice, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) holds *The Longest Day* event to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. From sunrise to sunset, ACBL members across the country host fundraisers, which include all kinds of bridge, card games, mah-jongg, athletic events and teaching lessons to advance the cause. This year on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 three Northwest Tucson clubs, Small Slams

Bridge Club, MountainView Bridge Club and The Bridge Center of Greater Tucson united



to participate in The Longest Day fundraiser. They hosted several activities, which included various bridge games - duplicate, social and newcomers, mah-jongg, canasta, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction to raise money. There was a sea of purple shirts as the Alzheimer's Association made them available for sale.

After the games everyone was invited to the SaddleBrooke One Activity Center to enjoy complimentary wine and cheese, while they bought more 50/50 raffle tickets and bid on the silent auction items. The clubs raised over \$8,298, all of which will be sent to the Alzheimer's Association. Small Slams Bridge Club underwrote the expenses of the event with help from SaddleBrooke One, Basha's and AJ Peters of the Bridge Center who volunteered his services as Director of the duplicate game.

The community was extremely generous in contributing to the event with donations to the silent auction, buying raffle tickets, bidding on the silent auction items.

The planning committee consisting of Joyce Honorof, Chairperson; Terry Coe; Linda Depew; Sue Hagerty; Al Spaet; Barbara Starrett and Sue Young has decided to have this event next year and, with the generous support of the community, raise even more money to support the Alzheimer's Association.

All three clubs are ACBL sanctioned and hold duplicate games that award ACBL masterpoints. MountainView Bridge Club is an open club and holds games Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 PM. Small Slams Bridge Club is an invitational club that is limited to SaddleBrooke residents and their guests with 0-750 masterpoints and holds games Thursdays at 1 PM. The Bridge Center of Greater Tucson holds all kinds of games Monday thru Friday at 1 PM. Websites are: [www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/) , [www.smallslamsbridgeclub.com](http://www.smallslamsbridgeclub.com)

#### Unit 356 Representative to District 17 Board

Election for the Unit 356 representative to the District 17 Board will be held this fall. Candidates shall nominate themselves by sending notice by mail or electronic means to the District Election Secretary ([darwin@afdahls.com](mailto:darwin@afdahls.com)) and Unit 356 President ([cndyshoemaker@yahoo.com](mailto:cndyshoemaker@yahoo.com)), who shall notify the Unit board. Deadline for nominations shall be September 30, 2017. Voting will be during October-November, with only the members of the unit boards eligible to vote. The three-year term of office begins January, 2018. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held, with proper notice, not less frequently than three per year and not less frequently than every six months at various district regionals.

Candidates must be members of District 17 in good standing and not on probation or suspension from the ACBL. No Board member shall be employed by the ACBL, or receive more than \$5,000 per calendar year for any contract or assignment from ACBL



Unit 356 Minutes

May 7, 2017

The meeting of Unit 356 was called to order by President Cindy Shoemaker, 11:20 AM, Adobe Bridge Club. Present were, Mindy Hawkins, Ann Hinge, Jud Jones, Steve Reynolds, Ann Shaylor and Cindy Shoemaker.

The March minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Steve stated we have approximately \$52,000 in the bank. We made approximately \$19,000 on the regional and \$2,000 on the sectional. We **are still waiting on approximately \$1,000 rebate from District 17. The regional's** income was mainly from the food.

It was also discussed that we need a clear picture of what is spent at our unit games. Also, on your receipt, please mark what event the expense was used for.

Good and welfare: Cindy stated a check was sent to the Salvation Army.

New Business: Cindy nominated Diana Galis for the IN representative. Steve Reynolds made a motion to accept this nomination, second by Jud Jones.

We are still waiting on a unit game coordinator. Cindy did a spotlight on education which was well received. Cindy is going to discuss with Al Spaet to teach Bridge in a Day.

Also discussed was registration on the website. Ann will look into this and talk about cost, etc later.

Membership report: Ann stated we are down 47 from last month which was to be expected, up 6 from last year.

Cactus Flower Regional: Cindy introduced the new IN representative, Diana Galis. Cindy stated the flyer was complete for the September tournament and everything was going as planned. There will be a new start time for this tournament.

It was also discussed to change the time for our next regional tournament to 10 and 3. Steve stated that Barry Abraham had done a survey several years ago and the results were the majority wanted 9 and 1:30 start times. The board will do a survey through the ACBL to see what members want at this time.

Member Appreciation Game: Mindy Hawkins stated the flyer is complete. It is on our website. The event will be held on June 11 at Skyline Country Club.

Caddy Status: Jud stated we have plenty of caddies for our tournaments.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00

Next meeting will be June 11, 2017, between sessions at Skyline Country Club.

June 25, 2017 - The Unit 356 Board meeting was called to order at 11:05.

Present were Ann Hinge, Steve Reynolds, Carolyn Reynolds, Cindy Shoemaker, Diana Galis and Betsy O'Dell.

Minutes The minutes from May 7, 2017 were approved.

Good and Welfare – Jud will continue on as caddy master but he has resigned from the board.

Amber is the City of Tucson representative for the Senior Olympics. There was a suggestion to ask the city if it is possible for them to provide a bigger facility and **chairs for the event. We have tables. We also need to check on the city's registration system to see if it can be made more efficient.**

New Business – A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Cindy to offer the position of unit coordinator to Leonard Hall. Also, a motion was made to make him a board member. Steve made the motion and Diana seconded it. Leonard accepted the position.

The Cactus Flower NLM Regional will be held September 21 -24 at Hotel Tucson. The fliers are printed and will be distributed. Diana will do a web blast and there will be a constant contact promotion. ACBL script as well as restaurant certificates will be used as prizes. There will be online lessons by an expert as a big prize.

Our sectional will be November 16, 17, 18 and 19 at Hotel Tucson.

The January 4-7, 2018 sectional will be held at Hotel Tucson.

Our next Tucson Open Regional will be February 25-March 3 in 2019.

Start games – A survey is being developed about start times. Constant contact will be used.

A motion was made by Steve to give Ann Hinge a raise to \$300.00 due to an increase in expenses. It was seconded by Carolyn and approved by the board.

Website – Rotating pictures vs photo page on the website is open to further discussion.

Unit Directory – The unit directory needs to be explained and advertised in the Kibitzer.

Membership- -There are 1085 members in the unit up 20 from July 2016. 109 more people have email addresses than in 2015. This means that we are reaching more people.

Membership Appreciation Game – There were 73 tables - 36 in the morning and 37 in the afternoon. It needs to be advertised as 2 single sessions not as a double session. The Holiday Party will be discussed at a future meeting. Themes for hospitality for July and September will be announced. There will be pizza at the August game at Green Valley.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20. The next meeting will be on July 16 at Adobe.

**Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on July 8, 2017**

District 17 Board Meeting  
Las Vegas, NV June 24, 2017

NOTE: This is a partial summary of the D17 Board Meeting. The final minutes are subject to D17 Board approval at the next D17 Board Meeting in Taos, NM, October 14, 2017.

General

1. Opening remarks from President Jerry Ranney:

Jerry thanked Las Vegas Unit 373, Tournament Chair (Sandra Gagnon) and the many volunteers. The regional was held at Bally's Hotel & Casino, room rates (I believe) were \$99 during the week and \$149 Friday and Saturday, parking used to be free, now self-parking is 1-4 hours \$7, 4-24 hours \$10 and valet parking is 4-24 hours \$18. Playing conditions were well lighted and clean, but it was a long walk from the hotel/casino. Players received a \$3 chit for each session of a two-session event; however, coffee or water was \$5 and sandwiches were \$12-\$15. There were 2189 tables compared to 2406 last year. The attendance at each of the District 17 Regionals this year has been down as compared to previous years.

2. Bonnie Bagley, D17 representative to the ACBL National Board, said the Board hired a new CEO Bahar Gidwani who she met. She was impressed with his background. (More information is in Bonnies July ScoreCard column.)
3. As of June 10, 2017, District 17 total assets were \$125,244, this reflects the net income for 2016 of +\$7,480. The four regionals held to date are below their projected income by about \$4,000. Income to date is \$8,409. Total expenses to date are \$97,366, \$9,884 under budget.
4. The Roswell, NM Unit has asked to be dissolved and this is expected to be approved at the NABC Board meeting in Toronto this month. They have 20 members who will be reassigned to other units depending on their location.
5. The AZ Senior Regional in Mesa 2018 has been cancelled as they could not find a suitable location. It was discussed that maybe Laughlin, NV; El Paso, TX; or Tucson, AZ could hold the regional next year. Each location has been asked to determine if they would like to hold the regional.
6. Unit Sanctions for 2018 and 2019 should submitted to JoAnne Lowe.
7. Several clubs are having success with 5<sup>th</sup> Chair or Supervised Play Mentoring Programs. They play twenty boards with a mentor discussing the bidding and play after every hand.

8. Phoenix NLM Regional in April had 230 tables at the combined NLM Regional and Sectional.
  
9. The D17 Board voted to reduce the board members from 14 to 10 plus The National Board Representative. We have discussed this for several years. The District has a little over 9,000 members with Denver, Phoenix and Tucson 1,000+ members. Texas and WYO each with less than 200 members, each had a representative with full voting rights. Texas was moved in NM at Large and WYO was moved to CO at Large. Denver and Phoenix each had two representatives, they were reduced to one each. The reductions will save about \$6,000 per year.

AZ (4): Mesa (1), Phoenix (1), Tucson (1), No. AZ including Yuma (1)  
CO (3): Denver (1), CO at Large including Cheyenne and Laramie(1)  
NM (2): Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos (1); NM at Large including El Paso, TX (1)  
NV (1): Las Vegas

10. The term of office for D17 Board members will be three years starting in January 2019. This means the elections in October-November 2017 for 2018 will have different terms to enable staggered election cycles in future years. Article in August 2017 ScoreCard.
  
11. I will not be running for the District 17 Board this fall. I have been involved in bridge governance for over thirty-five years at the unit, district, conference levels, and the National board of Governors. I have enjoyed being your representative to the District 17 Board and thank you for your support. I will make myself available to assist the elected representative in the transition.

Future Tournaments

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Phoenix         | July 31-August 6, 2017    |
| 2. NO Colorado NLM | August 18-20, 2017        |
| 3. Tucson NLM      | September 21-24, 2017     |
| 4. Taos            | October 9-15, 2017        |
| 5. Albuquerque     | January 15-21, 2018       |
| 6. Las Vegas       | February 26-March 4, 2018 |
| 7. Phoenix NLM     | April 27-29, 2018         |

Next D17 Meeting

Taos NM, October 14, 2017

Submitted by:

Darwin Afdahl

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District 17 Board of Directors

**Jo Ann Aiken**

**Tucson's 2017 District 17 Goodwill Committee Member**

For 17 years players have been greeted by Jo Ann's warm smile and made to feel at home at the non-profit Mountain View Bridge Club. Her tireless efforts are responsible for the club's affordable playing space, technological advances, and well-trained directors. She finds time to make score corrections and keep fresh supplies on hand as well as a full candy dish for those with a sweet tooth. This summary does not mention a myriad of other contributions she has made to the Tucson bridge community. Jo Ann exemplifies the true meaning of Goodwill.



# BRIDGE BITES #74

# READING THE LEAD

Brian Gunnell

♠ AJ7 ♥ 8543 ♦ 876 ♣ AJ9	Both Vulnerable <i>South West North East</i> Pass 2♦ 2♠ 3♦ 4♠ Pass Pass Pass
<i>Dummy</i>	East's Weak Two shows 5-10 HCP and a 6-card suit. N-S cruise into 4♠, West leads the Diamond Two won by East's Ace, then a low Diamond comes back, ruffed by Declarer, West following with the Jack. As Declarer, what can you deduce from the play so far? And how do you plan to play the hand?
<i>West East</i>	
<i>Declarer</i>	
♠ KT9653 ♥ AT ♦ T ♣ KT82	

The bidding tells you that East started with six Diamonds and West with three. If West had ♦KQx he would have led the King ... if East had ♦AK he would have played the King on the first trick ... therefore (unless there is some fiendish false-carding going on) West started with ♦KJ and East with ♦AQ. Who has the ♠Q?

Generally speaking, you would play the Spades from the top, playing for the drop of the ♠Q in one or two rounds. This line is a slight favorite over the alternative of finessing (one way or the other) against the Queen. But the odds changed when East showed long Diamonds (leaving less room in his hand for Spade cards), so here you decide to cash the ♠K and finesse the ♠J on the second round. This works out spiffingly when East discards a Diamond on the second round of Spades. You draw the last trump and now the card in question is the ♠Q. Who has it?

You cannot be sure, so you plays ♥A and another Heart, hoping to learn more, and on the second Heart East plays the King. At this point you can be fairly certain that East started with 1=2=6=4 distribution. As East has four Clubs to West's two does that make East more likely to hold the Queen?

Not in this case! East has shown up with 9 HCP, there's no room left in his 5-10 hand for the ♠Q. So, you play West for that card and, thanks to a little counting, you brings home your vulnerable game with an overtrick.

	♠ AJ7 ♥ 8543 ♦ 876 ♣ AJ9	
♠ Q42 ♥ QJ962 ♦ KJ2 ♣ Q7	<i>Dummy</i>  <i>West East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 8 ♥ K7 ♦ AQ9543 ♣ 6543
	♠ KT9653 ♥ AT ♦ T ♣ KT82	

Declarer had to get several things just right in order to make the maximum number of tricks: (a) she had to deduce the whereabouts of the Diamond honors from the play at Trick 1, (b) she had to play West for Spade length based on East's known Diamond length, (c) she had to play on Hearts to complete her picture of the hand, (d) she had to remember that East was limited to 10 HCP and therefore could not hold the ♠Q.

## WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Adobe Bridge Club</b> (Jared Boulds Club Manager) 401 E Limberlost 795-2441 <a href="mailto:adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net">adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net</a> <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/adobe">www.bridgewebs.com/adobe</a>	<b>1:00pm</b> Open	<b>9.00 am</b> 299'er  <b>12:30pm</b> Open & 499	<b>9.00 am</b> 199'er  <b>12:30pm</b> Open & 499	<b>9.00 am</b> 99'er Mentor Game  <b>12:30pm</b> Open & 499	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & 749	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>1:00pm</b> Open
<b>Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club</b> Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) 3660 S Camino Del Sol <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> (Carol L Erbeck, Club Manager) 1270 Treasure Road, Pearce 520-559-7894 <a href="mailto:carol@crazyedoptical.com">carol@crazyedoptical.com</a>						<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Mike's Play and Learn Bridge</b> (Michael D Smith, Club Manager) 520-820-1757 5360 E Pima St Tucson AZ 85712 <a href="mailto:mikesmith55@cox.net">mikesmith55@cox.net</a>						<b>1:00</b> 199'er	
<b>Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) 38759 Mountain View Blvd, SaddleBrooke - 818-1727 <a href="mailto:jotax123@aol.com">jotax123@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/">www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/</a>			<b>1:00pm</b>			<b>1:00pm</b>	
<b>Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) 600 S La Canada Dr 625-4027 or 237-1959 <a href="mailto:dldkay@cox.net">dldkay@cox.net</a> <a href="http://gvbridge.com">gvbridge.com</a>							<b>12:30pm</b> Open
<b>Thunder Mountain Bridge Center</b> 240 N Hwy 90 (James Cobis , Club Manager) P.O. box 839, Bisbee, Arizona 85603 or 520-366-1866 <a href="mailto:jcobisab@gmail.com">jacobisab@gmail.com</a>		<b>12:30pm</b>		<b>12:30pm</b>		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Tucson Charity Bridge</b> (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 5360 E Pima Street, Tucson <a href="mailto:charitybridge@comcast.net">charitybridge@comcast.net</a> <a href="http://www.tucsoncharitybridge.com">www.tucsoncharitybridge.com</a>			<b>12:30pm</b> 749 (Streams)		<b>12:30pm</b> 749 (Streams)		<b>9:00am</b> 749 (Streams)
<b>Bridge Center of Greater Tucson</b> (Al Spaet Club Manager) 16150 N Oracle Road 520-825-2383 <a href="mailto:info@tucsonbridge.com">info@tucsonbridge.com</a> OR <a href="http://www.tucsonbridge.com">www.tucsonbridge.com</a>		<b>1.00pm</b> Open & 749	<b>1.00pm</b> <b>749</b>	<b>1.00pm</b> Open & 749	<b>1.00pm</b> Open & 749	<b>1.00pm</b> <b>749</b>	<b>11.30am</b>
<b>Small Slams Bridge Club</b> Open to SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch residents and their guests only (Joyce Honorof Club Manager) SaddleBrooke HOA #1 Activity Center and Clubhouse 64518 Galveston Lane; Tucson, AZ 85739 <a href="mailto:SmallSlamsBridgeClub@gmail.com">SmallSlamsBridgeClub@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/smallslams/">www.bridgewebs.com/smallslams/</a>					<b>1.00pm</b> 749		

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5
				<b>BC CG</b>	<b>MV NAP</b>	<b>S CC</b>
August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12
Adobe Closed	<b>BC NAP AD CG</b>		<b>AD CG</b>		<b>MV, AD CG</b>	<b>Unit Game Saguaro  Adobe Closed</b>
August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19
<b>AD Swiss Teams CG</b>		<b>MV, AD NAP</b>			<b>AD NAP</b>	<b>S NAP AD CG</b>
August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26
Adobe Closed	<b>STAC AD, GV</b>	<b>STAC AD</b>	<b>STAC AD</b>	<b>STAC AD, GV BC NAP</b>	<b>STAC AD, GV MV SFG</b>	<b>9.00 TCB NAP 1 pm STAC AD, S</b>
August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31		
<b>STAC AD</b>		<b>AD CG</b>		<b>SS CC AD NAP</b>		

**Abbreviations:** **AD**– Adobe, **MV** – Mountain View, **S** –Saguaro, **TM** – Thunder Mountain, **GV** - Green Valley, **HDH** - High Desert Hands, **TCB** - Tucson Charity Bridge, **MPL** - Mikes Play and Learn, **BC** - Bridge Center, **SS** - Small Slams  
**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