

Unit 356



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March 2018

March Events

March 26 - March 4
AZ Senior Regional
Tucson Expo Center

March 23
Unit Wide Championship
Local Clubs

March 25
Unit Game
Bridge Center of Greater Tucson

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January Results

Master Point Winners Under 1000

Sundaesan Ram 23.74; Monica Quinlan 12.69; John McKethen 12.47;
Ed Bonkowski 11.04; Arlene Richman 9.45.

Master Point Winners 0 - 2500

Sundaesan Ram 23.74; Tim Tilton 22.40; Aaron Carnes 18.53;
Ernest Ledbetter 16.32; Richard Plumer 14.54;

Master Point Winners Open

Max Limbocker 28.48; Sundaesan Ram 23.74; Tim Tilton 22.4; Eric Swanson 21.87;
Aaron Carnes 18.53.

65% games

Jared Boulds - S. Ram 75.69; Larry Hudgens - Eric Swanson 74.63;
Gary Mitchell - Diane Patience 71.77; Rosemary Wade - Henry Williams 71.00;
Tim Tilton - S. Ram 70.10; Karen Balch - Tim Tilton 67.90;
Bill Howard - Lou Herbster 67.77; Mary & Eric Schulz 66.26;
John McKethen - Gene Hendricks 65.60; Ernest Ledbetter - S. Ram 65.29;
Max Limbocker - Aaron Carnes 65.19; Burton & Kinga Voorhees 65.15;
Carol Pilmar - Ken Badertscher 65.11; Mike Levy - Jeff Lesser 65.00.

Thunder Mountain Bridge Center *By James Cobis*

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Paul Soper 7.43; Jim Cobis 5.89; Marc Hay 4.36; Carol Thornton 4.07;
Marjorie Dugas 4.05; Kaye Dean 3.54; Larry Scott 3.21; Bob Walton 3.21;
Richard Turke 2.90; Joyce Davis 2.71.

65% games

Paul Soper - Jim Cobis 68.75; Jim Cobis - Paul Soper 67.75; Marc Hay - Paul
Soper 66.0; Carol Thornton - Jim Cobis 65.48.



Give Away

I have approximately 30 years of old Bridge World magazines.
I am willing to give them to anyone that wants them.

Darwin Afdahl



Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Bud Stein 19.49; Ed Bonkowski 13.19; Rollie Armacost 12.59; Myra DeByle 12.12;
Les Balascoe 10.22; Arne Maki 9.63; Mick Miller 9.12; Franz Schatz 8.81;
Frank Collins 8.81; Jeannie Collins 8.81.

65% games

Margret Salazar & Butch Vuvunas 72.45; Corinne Leachman & Gary Mitchell 71.94;
Rollie Armacost & Bud Stein 71.85; Darlene Armacost & Mick Miller 69.55;
Arne Maki & Ted Walden 67.59; Rollie Armacost & Bud Stein 67.13;
Roland Schroeder & Barbara Williams 66.9; Ed Bonkowski & Myra De Byle 66.29;
Frank & Jeanne Collins 66.03; Ken Grafton & Mick Miller 65.74; Fran Herrmann &
Franz Schatz 65.54; Mick & Linda Miller 65.28; Les Balascoe & Arne Maki 65.05.

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

January Results

Top Master Point Winners

Arlene Bowman 1.39; David Bowman 1.39; Arlo McDowell 1.11;
Jon Schneider 1.11; Dorothy Hall 1.10.

65% games

Arlene Bowman - David Bowman 70.45; Bob Burdick - Glenda Burdick 69.32;
Arlo McDowell - Jon Schneider 68.94.

Small Slams Bridge Club *By Joyce Honorof*

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Bruce Block 2.74; John Bray 2.65; Sheila Bray 2.65; Marilynn Baker 2.41;
Tom Baker 2.41; Rudy Broyles 2.1; Suzanne Broyles 2.1; Bill Webster 1.94;
Jan Coles 1.61; Anne Hammond 1.61; Jo Watson 1.61

65% games

Sue Bush - Betty Meyer 67.80; Virginia Brier - Sue Hagerty 67.05; Marilynn & Tom
Baker 65.53; John & Sheila Bray 65.53%

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Diane Wyatt 6.89; Gregory Wyatt 6.89; Hurd Baruch 6.47; Gillian Berger 6.45; Elliott Weiss 6.35; Robert Helitzer 6.31; Bruce Gibbs 6.28; Lou Ann Gibbs 6.28; Armin Cicala 6.19; Joseph Bianco 5.22.

65% GAMES

Mark Leibowitz - Cindy Shoemaker 71.54; Arline Henman - John Piet 67.15; Joseph Bianco - Robert Helitzer 66.47; Sharon Bacon - Ruth Hoppe 65.48; Hurd Baruch - Diana Galis 65.22.

DONATIONS

The club and individual donations allowed the group to donate \$2,854 to Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church. We have a wonderful partnership with Streams where we hold most of our bridge games. They have given us extremely reasonable room fees due to the fact that we give every dollar we can to charity. They have allowed us to expand as much as possible by using 2 rooms and extra parking on the lot south of the Church.



Betty Patterson 90 years



Ron Gagne 74 years

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Hy Osofsky 4.72; Sheila Bray 3.87; John Bray 3.31; Virginia Brier 3.21;
Ron Bliss 3.07; Jo Watson 2.42; Joyce Hagin 2.40; Dalice Bromfeld 1.98;
Alicia Anderson 1.88; Jan Coles 1.74.

65% GAMES

Jo Watson - Jan Coles 67.25; Jack & Arlene Mayfield 67.00;
Hy Osofsky - Ron Bliss 66.20; Hy Osofsky - Ron Bliss 65.40;
Marian Rogge - Darlene Barstadt 65.00.

Announcing Some Winter & Spring Happenings at the Bridge Center
Welcome back to northern Pima County's remaining snowbirds! We're writing to
mention a number of specials that we hope you will add to your Bridge Calendar for
the coming months. Please join us for what rates to be a fun bridge season.

Jerry Helms Returns!

On April 7th and 8th, Jerry brings his bridge expertise, interactive style and humor
back to the Bridge Center for his next weekend seminar. His topic is the one re-
quested most by our players: Partnership Defense

With a perfect blend of humor and interactive lecture, Jerry will guide you through
defensive play using pre-duplicated lesson hands and his easy-to-understand style.
For more information, see this topic on our Bridge Center website.

The Common Game

For 2018, the Bridge Center of Greater Tucson has enrolled as a participating club
in The Common Game, and we're proud to have been the first club in Southern Ari-
zona to do so. The Common Game, first created by ACBL District 9, is now played
nationally. The format is similar to district STAC events; After playing a set of
boards standardized for each session, local game scores are combined across clubs
and matchpointed to provide overall results.

We expect the Common Game to continue its popularity growth, and there are no
charges for Common Game basics. Common Game points and scores are totally
separate from ACBL masterpoint assignments, and any ACBL member can review
his or her Common Game scores for any and all clubs that are Common Game par-
ticipants. Emails reporting scores and results can be easily arranged by interested
players. Detailed hand analysis is also provided for selected hands. Come on down
to the Center for our open games (Wednesday and Thursday) and our limited
games (Tuesday and Friday) and give the Common Game a try!

Reach ("Regional Event at Club House")

Want to try for gold points at your local club? Built upon the infrastructure provided
by The Common Game, ACBL's experimental REACH event is an ACBL-wide regional
that allows players can earn gold or red points while playing in their regular club
game.

Al Spaet and Staff
The Bridge Center of Greater Tucson

High Desert Hands *By Carol Lee Erbeck*

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Eric Rasmussen 1.90; Carol Lee Erbeck 1.76; Norma Sue Griffin 1.50;
Mabel Kadet 1.22; Mary Ahearn 0.91; James Martin 0.42; Elliott Hendrickson 0.35;
Bob Ruona 0.35

65% games

Mabel Kadet - Norma Sue Griffins 67.26.

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

January Results

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Ken Grafton 6.98; Bud Stein 5.53; Raymond Austin 4.81; Ginny Stark 4.42;
Steve Pessin 4.42; Russ Hanson 4.40; Pam Circuit 4.00; Arne Maki 3.46;
Paul Black 2.80; Allen Bowman 2.80.

65% games

Alan Green - Russ Hanson 66.76.

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Kenneth M Peoples
Linda J Quigg
Richard K Snyder
Diann M Swalve

New Club Masters:

Ellie T Breitbart
Kathleen R Weiss

New Sectional Masters:

Diane M Bixby
Sherry Cain
Vonnie Erickson
Bob D Griffin
Marc Potash
Donna A Sachrison
Ann Waggoner

Recent Rank Advances

New Regional Masters:

Arlo R McDowell
Sandra Millar

New NABC Masters:

Sue G Bush
George J Kersels

New Life Masters:

Steven Sahl

New Bronze Masters:

Steven Sahl

New Gold Masters:

Myra De Byle

BRIDGE BITES #81

RUFFS IN THE LONG HAND

Brian Gunnell

♠ JT98 ♥ AK74 ♦ K52 ♣ T2	We'll spare you the auction, but it looks like Partner's been overbidding again, as you find yourself declaring 4♠ on slender values. The good news is that the hands fit well and, after the opening lead of the ♥Q, you actually have a chance.
Dummy	You have four natural trump tricks and four side-suit winners. There's no prospect of scoring more tricks in the side-suits so the shortfall will have to be made up with some ruffing.
West East Declarer	
♠ KQ765 ♥ 65 ♦ A4 ♣ 7653	What is your plan?

In suit contracts, the most common way to score extra trump tricks is through ruffs in the short hand. So here, with your four side-suit tricks and your four natural trump tricks in hand, a couple of Club ruffs in Dummy (the so-called "short hand") will get you up to 10 tricks. Does that mean that the winning plan is to get Club ruffs in Dummy?

No, that is not the winning plan! The problem with going after Club ruffs in Dummy is that the lead must be lost twice. If the trumps are 3-1 this will allow the defense to lead three rounds of trumps, holding Dummy's ruffs to just one and leaving you a trick short. What is your Plan B?

The solution is to go after *three* ruffs in *Declarer's* hand. That way ten tricks are reached via Dummy's three natural trump tricks, plus Declarer's three ruffs, plus the four side-suit winners. So, Declarer wins the opening lead with the ♥A, cashes ♥K, ruffs a Heart, cashes ♦A and ♦K and ruffs a Diamond. Declarer eventually reaches Dummy with a trump, and can score that third ruff in the long hand.

	♠ JT98 ♥ AK74 ♦ K52 ♣ T2	
♠ A32 ♥ QJT ♦ J97 ♣ AQJ8	Dummy West East Declarer	♠ 4 ♥ 9832 ♦ QT863 ♣ K94
	♠ KQ765 ♥ 65 ♦ A4 ♣ 7653	

When Declarer is ruffing those red suits she will take care to ruff high, thereby ensuring that she actually can reach Dummy later on. If, after taking two low ruffs, Declarer left herself with ♠KQ7, West would be able to thwart Declarer's plan.

P.S. Yes, an opening trump lead sets the contract.

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.



ARIZONA SENIOR REGIONAL

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ARIZONA SENIOR REGIONAL TUCSON, ARIZONA

Monday, February 26

Bracketed Charity Round Robin Teams (2 sessions) 2:30 & 7 pm
Charity Pairs Game (1 session) (all ages) (Red) 2:30

Tuesday, February 27

Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5) 9:30
Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5) 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)* 9:30 & 2:30
0-200 Pairs (single sessions) (Red) 9:30 & 2:30
Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed KO (1 & 2) 9:30 & 2:30
Swiss Teams (1 session) (all ages) (Red) 2:30

Wednesday, February 28

Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5) 9:30
Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5) 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed KO (3 & 4) 9:30 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)* 9:30 & 2:30
0-200 Pairs (single sessions) (Red) 9:30 & 2:30
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Swiss Teams (1 session) (all ages) (Red) 2:30

Thursday, March 1

Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5) 9:30
Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5) 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)* 9:30 & 2:30
0-200 Pairs (single sessions) (Red) 9:30 & 2:30
Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO (1 & 2) 9:30 & 2:30
Swiss Teams (1 session) (all ages) (Red) 2:30

***GOLD RUSH PAIRS:** 0-200/400/750. No player with more than 750 points may play in the Gold Rush Pairs. Gold points are awarded to all Top Flight overall placers and Top Flight section tops.

Card fees: \$13/person. \$17 for non or unpaid ACBL members.

Friday, March 2

Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5) 9:30
Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5) 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)* 9:30 & 2:30
0-200 Pairs (single sessions) (Red) 9:30 & 2:30
Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO (3 & 4) 9:30 & 2:30
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Swiss Teams (1 session) (all ages) (Red) 2:30

Saturday, March 3

Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5) 9:30
Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5) 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 9:30 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)* 9:30 & 2:30
0-200 Pairs (single sessions) (Red) 9:30 & 2:30
Compact KO (1 & 2) (3 & 4) Four players per team 9:30 & 2:30

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
EARLY START: 9 AM & TBA
A/X/Y SWISS 0-4000/6000/+
BRACKETED GOLD TEAMS*
FREE LUNCH BETWEEN SESSIONS

Events stratified whenever attendance permits. Placement within strats/brackets based on average MP holding of pair/team 0-200. No player over 200 MPs. No player over 750 masterpoints.

***BRACKETED GOLD TEAMS** 0-3000: No player over 3000 masterpoints. Top three teams in every bracket earn GOLD points.

TWO-SESSION OPEN PAIRS/TEAMS: 0-1500/3000/+

SINGLE SESSION OPEN PAIRS/TEAMS: 0-750/2000/+

KNOCKOUTS: All/partial GOLD awarded for placing overall depending on bracket. Top bracket KO may be handicapped.



**ARIZONA SENIOR REGIONAL
SPEAKER INFORMATION
1:30 PM TUESDAY - FRIDAY**



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
DON MAMULA
WHO'S THE BOSS?



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
LOUIS QUIGGLE
STRONG TWO BIDS



THURSDAY, MARCH 1
DENNIS DAWSON
GUERRILLA BRIDGE



FRIDAY, MARCH 2
MARK ITABASHI
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Rollie Armacost - Bud Stein 71.85; Gary Mitchell - Diane Patience 71.77;
Mark Leibowitz - Cindy Shoemaker 71.54; Rosemary Wade - Henry Williams 71.00;
Arlene Bowman - David Bowman 70.45; Tim Tilton - S. Ram 70.10;

WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Jared Boulds Club Manager) 401 E Limberlost 795-2441 adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net www.bridgewebs.com/adobe	1:00pm Open	9.00 am 499'er 12:30pm Open & 499	9.00 am 299'er 12:30pm Open & 499	9.00 am 99'er Mentor Game 12:30pm Open & 499	12:30pm Open & 749	12:30pm Open	1:00pm Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) 3660 S Camino Del Sol albowmangv@cox.net gvbridge.com		1:00pm Inv Canoa			1:00pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv Canoa	
High Desert Hands (Carol L Erbeck, Club Manager) 1270 Treasure Road, Pearce 520-559-7894 carol@crazyedoptical.com						12:00pm	
Mike's Play and Learn Bridge (Michael D Smith, Club Manager) 520-820-1757 5360 E Pima St Tucson AZ 85712 mikesmith55@cox.net						12:30 199'er	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) 38759 Mountain View Blvd, SaddleBrooke - <u>818-1727</u> jotax123@aol.com www.bridgewebs.com/mountainview/			1:00pm			1:00pm	
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) 600 S La Canada Dr 625-4027 or 237-1959 dldkay@cox.net gvbridge.com							12:30pm Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Center 240 N Hwy 90 (James Cobis , Club Manager) P.O. box 839, Bisbee, Arizona 85603 or 520-366-1866 jacobisab@gmail.com		12:30pm		12:30pm		12:30pm	9:00am 1:00pm
Tucson Charity Bridge (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 5360 E Pima Street, Tucson charitybridge@comcast.net www.tucsoncharitybridge.com			12:30pm 749 (Streams)		12:30pm 749 (Streams)		9:00am 749 (Streams)
St. Alban's Charity Bridge (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 3738 Old Sabino Canyon Rd. 520-296-0791 www.tucsoncharitybridge.com		12.30 999					
Bridge Center of Greater Tucson (Al Spaet Club Manager) 16150 N Oracle Road 520-825-2383 info@tucsonbridge.com OR www.tucsonbridge.com		1.00pm Open & 1000	1.00pm 1000	1.00pm Open & 1000	1.00pm Open & 1000	1.00pm 1000	11.30am
Small Slams Bridge Club 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 SmallSlamsBridgeClub@gmail.com www.bridgewebs.com/smallslams/					1.00pm 749		

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				March 1	March 2	March 3
				AZ Senior Regional Expo Center	AZ Senior Regional Expo Center	AZ Senior Regional Expo Center
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
AZ Senior Regional Expo Center		BC CC	BC SFG		GV, BC CG	
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
	GV CG		BC CC	GV CG		S SFG
March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
BC CC Swiss	GV Pro/Am		BC AMB	BC AMB	UW GV, AD,	
March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31
Unit Game <i>Mini Mckenny and Ace of Club Winners</i> Holliday Fare Bridge Center						S CC

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; **SA** - St. Alban
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; **ACG** - ACBL Wide Charity Game