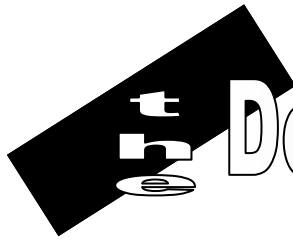




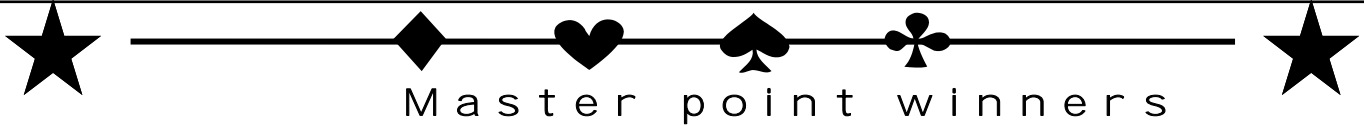
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Desert Kibitzer



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Master point winners



Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000 MP

(11.46) Arthur Warrick; (11.11) Shan Warrick; (10.84) Carolyn Reynolds; (9.88) Sydney Kaye; (8.77) Valorie Ackerman

Master point winners Over 1000 MP

(30.27) Martin Schiff Jr; (26.93) Michael Levy; (25.00) George Good; (18.36) Patricia Mount; (18.28) Naomi Smith

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Frank Giuffreda (8.04), Al Bowman, Gail Meyer, Darlene Armacost, Russ Stowers, Ted Walden, Sue and David Sachs, Ron Payne, Franz Schatz (6.2)

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 300

(9.28) Jacqueline Gillette; (9.00) Pat Tierney; (8.66) Walter Mann; (6.83) Larry Hudgens; (4.36) Shirley Soucek

Master Point Winners 300-1000

(16.13) Wagner Van Vlack; (13.15) Ray Grady; (11.62) Ann Day; (10.23) Ralph Chiodo; (7.75) Karen Swanberg

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Five Master Point Winners

(1.90) Al Bowman & Russ Stowers; (1.50) Shelton Howland & Carol Skomers; (1.50) Kay Coombs & Nancy Porterfield

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

George Willis (6.75); Diana Smith; Peggy Wilder; Larry Scott; Margarete Gallaer; Shirley Cole; John Thompson; Katy Vaughn; Marc Hay; Kaye Dean (3.67)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3-6

Sectional (Inn Suites)

April 4-6

Sectional (Grand Junction)

April 7-13

Senior Regional (Chandler)

April 11-13

Sectional (Chandler)

April 20

Unit Game

(Las Candelas—1:00PM)

April 24-27

Sectional (Colorado Springs)

April 25-27

Sectional (Las Cruces)



Congratulations

Top Percentage Games for the Month

(71.06) Jo Fritz and Doug Fritz; (70.80) Donna Anderson and Peggy Wilder

Congratulations

Darlene Barstad for becoming a Gold Life Master



Many people have asked for the Desert Kibitzer to be sent to them via e-mail. The Desert Kibitzer can always be found on our website at SouthernArizonaBridge.com

Welcome New Members

Louis Akerman; Ronald Cohen; Carrell Ebert; Sanjeev Gopal; Gary Howell; Robert Keegan; Susan Keegan; Jean Porter



Unit 356 Director Appreciation Day

Kay Afdahl will be having a 2 session Director Appreciation Day on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Las Candelas. She will be teaching the ACBL data base Enrichment Program and discussing how to make calls on difficult or unusual situations. This event is open to directors or any other interested party. Lunch will be served between sessions. Sonny Bal will be donating Las Candelas for the event, and Unit 356 will be the event sponsor.

Adobe Bridge Club By Barb Rosenthal

Best Games:

(65.71) Anne Wolbach-Anita Weis; (65.28) Julia Sherman-Angelo Cianciotto; (66.84) Mike Levy-Marty Schiff;
(68.23) Steve Reynolds-Barbara Rosenthal;
(65.80) Stan Behr-John Antliff; (65.51) Judson Jones-Walter Mann;
(65.75) Frank Giefredda-Sharon Demmons and
(65.42) Pat Galinet-Percy Brown

Club Championships:

ACBL Seniors Game: Maria Morris/Barbara Rosenthal N/S and J.D. Kraus/Steve Reynolds E/W. Leap Year Championship: Krohn/Naomi Smith N/S and Larry Dunham/Bob Simrak E/W. March 7th - Club Championship: Julia Sherman/Donna McGrath N/S and Mike Levy/Jeffrey Lesser E/W. March 10th Club Championship: Phyllis and Lou Herbster N/S and Larry de Lucia/Linda Lineberry E/W. March 12th ACBL Charity Game: Bob Simrak/Marty Schiff N/S Lynne Schlangen/June Hensale E/W

Announcements

Beginning and Intermediate Bridge lessons begin Tuesday and Wednesday March 18th and 19th for 6 weeks (Teacher – Barbara Rosenthal). Supervised Play of the Hand will begin Friday April 4th from 9-11 (Directed by Dev de Lucia). April is Charity Game Month and extra points will be awarded on April 1st, April 9th, April 12th (both NLM and Open) and April 22. Club Championships will be April 14th and April 22nd. A Membership Game is on April 30th.

Mountain View bridge club By Ron Morris

The Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club conducts duplicate bridge games on Tuesday and Friday of each week in the Desert View Center at 1:00 PM. The games are open to all. If you would like to play, but do not have a partner, phone Barbara Feeley 825-6837, or JoAnn Aiken 818-1727, and we will try to locate a playing partner for you. We had eight sessions in March. Pairs with greater than 60% games in recent games include: Henry Langeman & Robert Brussel, Barbara Feeley & Roy Aiken, Bob Stotts & Ed Anderson, Syrlie Ellison & Darlene Barstad, Marie Heald & Michelle Werley, Sue Hagerty & Roy Aiken, Barbara Feeley & Jo Ann Aiken, John Wolfe & Mary Stotts. Well done to all. In addition to the regular games in April, our club will hold a Club Championship on Tuesday, April 22nd. Join us for a fun afternoon of bridge. The bridge club will be closed on Friday, April 4th, due to the Tucson Tournament.

Green Valley Bridge Club By Catherine Clark

65% Games

Ted Fones - Bob Wharton; Warren Fuesz - Ted Kurrus;
Sue and David Sachs; Brenda Sonderegger - Al Bowman;
Terry Secord - LaVerne Fragomeni; Marty Allen - Frank Giufredda

49ers:65% Games

Darlene Notti - Holly Rieger; Dorothy Elliott - Edith Hawkins;
Dorothy Soto - Nancy Nyers

Senior Game:

1. Sue and Dave Sachs (68.75), 2. Benita Nelson - Mike Cregg;
3. Marcia Nagle - Tom Kent

Tip of the Month

Compliment the opponents and partner when they have made a nice play or bid. Don't point out that someone's poor play gave you a good result. Never gloat.



Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club By Doris Kuzmak

Best Games:

Congratulations to the following players that participated in the JUNIOR FUND GAME on February 16th: 1st Overall - Frank & Jeanne Collins - 65.97% - 5.00 MPs, 2nd Overall - Tom Kent & Marcia Nagle - 3.75 MPs and 3rd Overall - Ginny Ahlstrom & Joyce Freer - 2.81 MPs. Results of INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME on February 2nd: 1st Overall - Jim & Shelton Howland - 4.67 MPs, 2nd Overall - Richard Granis & Richard Lindquist - 3.50 MPs and 3rd Overall - Tom & Julie Kennedy - 2.63 MPs.

Announcements

Club Championships (with hand records) will be held on Saturday, March 29th. ACBL Charity Game (with hand records) will be on April 19th. Come and enjoy the friendliest game in the Valley. Always free coffee, tea, etc. as well as goodies and snacks. ZERO TOLERANCE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!



Las Candelas Bridge Club By Mary Dixon

Master Point Winners Over 1000:

(14.15) Jean Montague; (12.32) Dave Douglass; (12.28) Nona Dale;
(10.69) Eric Swanson; (8.66) Diana Humphreys

65% Games:

(71.06) Jo Fritz-Doug Fritz; (68.52) Ray Grady-Jean Montague;
(68.33) Wagner Van Vlack-Larry Hudgens; (67.59) Ralph Chiodo-Pat Tierney; (67.15) Carolyn Simmer-Mitch Simmer;
(67.13) Ralph Chiodo-Pat Tierney; (66.83) Gerry Nicholson-Lois De Vry; (66.67) James Green-Marion Cosand;
(65.97) Jo Ann Aiken-Barbara Feeley; (65.97) Paul Yantz-Tony Dare;
(65.94) Imogene Olcott-Genecia Adler;
(65.83) Rodney Letts-Mary Letts; (65.40) Eric Singer-Susan Singer

Club Championships:

Wednesday, February 13th - Open: (1) Paul Yantz-Tony Dare;
(2) Jo Fritz-Doug Fritz; (3) Carolyn Simmer-Mitch Simmer;
(4) Gordon Forbes-Donna Montgomery; Wednesday, February 13th 299er: (1) Sylvia Fair-Jody Sorrell; (2) Stephanie Parks-Floyd McKinsey; (3) Jim Overacker-Jerry Paugh; (4) Rosemarie Holmes-Margaret Linaburg; Wednesday, February 13th - Evening:
(1) Ann Day-Mary Dixon; (2) Al Moya-Dick Augur;
(3) Jodi Walker-Gene McDougall; (4) Alan Ravitz-Evonne Ravitz

Announcements

Birthdays will be celebrated on Friday April 4th and our Club Championships will be on Friday morning April 18th and Monday afternoon April 28th.



“BAD KEN’S SCARS FROM THE TRENCHES”.

Jules said that I needed to pass on some tips from our trip to Fredona. Well, this time, Lucky Lew and I were ready for the opponents with "blank spaces"--if you read our last adventure. If not, check it out. Someone once said that six four distributions play very well. The key is to find a fit. My hand was ♠KQ95, ♥-void, ♦AQJ1064 and ♣AKJ--a tidy 20 count. I was dealer so I started out with 1♦ (not 2♣'s because remember I must find our fit if it is going to play well). Naturally, Lucky bid 1♥. Now I must make a forcing call so I chose 2♠'s. Lucky bid 3♥'s. I'll give you a clue to Lucky's hand--he had a void in ♠'s and 6♥'s to the King - Queen. I now bid 4♦'s hoping for help and Lucky wasn't sure whether that was forcing or not. Our agreement in these situations is that--"if you are not sure, you bid" I suffered too many times with a partner who said "I didn't know what to do so I passed"--not a good idea. Lucky raised me to 5♦'s with a ♠ void, ♥KQ9842, ♦973 and ♣8753. Long story short, I made six. *Morals – “six - four hands play well” and “when you don't know whether it's forcing you bid”.*

“The ultimate in bridge is learning to play with poor cards”
Chip Martel –
Many-time world champion

T h u n d e r M o u n t a i n
 B r i d g e C l u b
 B y C h r i s H a s n e y

Best Games:
 Life Master of the Month: George Willis (6.75)
 Non-Life Master of the Month: Marc Hay (4.14)
 Donna Anderson and Peggy Wilder (70.80); Charlie Comeau and Jim Cobis (68.50); Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith: (65.80) (twice!); Marc Hay and Larry Scott (65.30)
 Total masterpoints issued in February: 108.06

H i g h D e s e r t H a n d s
 B y C a r o l E r b e c k

High Desert Hands had an outstanding result at the March Regional in Tucson. All players that attended the tournament took home masterpoints. Between them all, they participated in all the events. The players were Eric Rasmussen (5.63), Carol Erbeck (2.77), Mary Ahearn (1.78), Jackie Foster (1.08), Jane Klug (1.08), Ed Mulkey (.58) and Jim Martin (.49)

Happy Birthday to our April friends
Astrological signs—Pisces and Aries
Birthstone—Diamond
130 Chances to play bridge in
Southern Arizona
“When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it happened or not” –
Mark Twain

Unit Game Results
 March 16 —(19 Tables)

OVERALL Results Flight A North/South
 Lorraine Vonk—Frank Schatz
 David Sachs—Stuart Sachs
 Carolyn Reynolds—Steve Reynolds

OVERALL Results Flight A East/West
 James Nichols—Marian Wilson
 Lionel Larriva—Walter Mann
 Eric Swanson—Sunand Bal

OVERALL Flight B North/ South
 Carolyn Reynolds—Steve Reynolds
 William Schelstrate—David Stewart
 Barry Abrahams—Julie Abrahams

OVERALL Flight B East West
 James Nichols—Marian Wilson
 Trulee Ricketts—Ann Day
 Christie McDougall—James Overacker

Recent Rank Advances

Club Master: Billy Conn; Cynthia Dech;
 Jackie Foster and Theodore Myers
 Sectional Masters: Joan Merrilland and Stephanie Parks
 Regional Masters: Julie Alderfer; Judson R Jones;
 Diana McGinn and Wagner Van Vlack
 Bronze Life Master: Ted Blomquist; Sydney Kaye and James Nichols

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WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Adobe Bridge Club (Barbara Rosenthal, Club Manager) 3727 E Blacklidge 795-2441 http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/	1:00p	12:30p	12:30p Open and 0-999	12:30p Open and Novice	12:30p Open and NLM	12:30p	9:00a NLM 1:00p Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Catherine Clark, Manager) 648-1781 members.cox.net/gvbridge		1:00p Inv West			6:30p Inv Canoa	1:00p Inv West	
High Desert Hands 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager) 559-7894 carol@crazyedoptical.com						12:00p	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sonny Bal, Manager) 977-4386 or 696-9101 401 E. Limberlost www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com		12:30p	12:30p Open	12:30p 299r & Open 6:30p Open	12:30p Open Handicap 2nd Thursday	10:00a Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) 818-1727 38750 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			1:00p		2nd Thurs Pro/Am 1:00p	1:00p	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club (James Richhart, Manager) 744-4212 On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd	<i>Contact Jim Richhart for game dates & times</i>						
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club 625-4027 or 237-1959 (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) 600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church dldkay@cox.net							12:30p Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, AZ 803-9564 / 432-3883 dhard@cox.net		12:30p		12:30p	6:30p	12:30p	

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE—April 2008 (National Humor Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5
		Charity Game A  April Fools Day		Sectional (Inn Suites)	Sectional (Inn Suites) Sectional (Grand Junction)	Sectional (Inn Suites) Sectional (Grand Junction)
April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12
Sectional (Inn Suites) Sectional (Grand Junction)	Regional (Chandler)  No Housework Day	Regional (Chandler)	Charity Game A Regional (Chandler)	Regional (Chandler)  Golfer's Day	Birthdays LC Regional (Chandler) Sectional (Chandler)	Charity Game A Regional (Chandler) Sectional (Chandler)
April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19
Regional (Chandler) Sectional (Chandler)	CC A	 Taxes Due today			CC LC	Charity Game S
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Unit Game (Las Candelas 1PM)		CC & Charity Game A  Earth Day		Sectional (Colorado Springs)	Sectional (Colorado Springs) Sectional (Las Cruces)  Arbor Day 	Sectional (Colorado Springs) Sectional (Las Cruces)
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30			
Sectional (Colorado Springs) Sectional (Las Cruces)  Babe Ruth Day	CC LC		Membership Game A			

Abbreviations: AD – Adobe, MV – Mountain View, TM – Thunder Mountain, LC – Las Candelas, QH – Queen of Hearts - S –Saguaro
CC – Club Championship, CAC – Club Appreciation Championship, NLM – Non Life Master, IN – Intermediate /Novice