

Unit 356



## July Events

### July 9–12

Sectional (Denver)

### July 10–12

Sectional (Ruidoso)

### July 12

Unit Game

(Adobe 1:00pm)

### July 23–August 2

NABC (Washington DC)

## Welcome New Members

Harold Cutcher  
Patsy Fontaine  
Richard Fontaine  
Janet Hornung  
Lester Rubenstein  
Patricia Rubenstein

## New Strats

The new Strats for all Unit Games, Unit Wide Games or any other games related to the unit will be:

Strat A = 1501+  
Strat B = 501-1500  
Strat C = 0-500

# The Desert Kibitzer



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## Monthly Master Point Winners

### Adobe

#### Under 1000

(14.12) Carol Pilmar  
(13.62) Michael Smith  
(12.74) Sydney Kaye  
(11.95) Wagner Van Vlack  
(6.93) Sunand Bal

#### Over 1000

(15.42) George Good  
(14.79) Dev De Lucia  
(14.24) B Robert Simrak  
(14.01) Phillis Herbster  
(14.01) Louis Herbster

### Green Valley

#### Top Ten

Bob Baptist  
Mary Baptist  
Frank Giuffreda  
Franz Schatz  
Allen Bowman  
Bill Hackbarth  
Fran Herrmann  
Benita Nelson  
Gail Meyer  
Dick Grannis

(3.94) Greg Roth

### Las Candelas

#### Under 500

(6.43) Richard Mullins  
(6.17) Peggy Weldy  
(5.89) Walter Mann  
(5.64) Jerry Dougherty  
(4.97) Judson Jones

#### 500–1250

(9.67) Ray Call  
(6.65) Wagner Van Vlack  
(6.48) Martie Mecom  
(6.31) Rodney Letts  
(5.96) Frances Hill

### Mountain View

#### Top Winners

**A:** (3.85) Sara Doonan  
(2.59) Midge Miller  
(3.85) Leo Pigaty  
(2.11) Betty Edwards  
(2.87) Ed Anderson  
(1.43) Mary Primeau  
**B:** (2.87) Bob Stotts  
(1.20) Betty Meyer  
(1.20) Robert Murray

### Saguaro

#### Top Winners

(3.78) Fran Herrmann  
(3.78) Franz Schatz  
(3.13) Yvette Gormley  
(2.84) Shelton Howland  
(2.68) Ted Fones  
(2.52) Jim Howland  
(2.43) Bill Hackbarth  
(2.33) Gail Meyer  
(2.32) Dr. Arnaicist  
(2.32) Rollie Armacost

### Thunder Mountain

#### Top Ten

(10.71) George Willis  
(9.96) Marc Hay  
Margarete Gallaer  
Larry Scott  
Paul Soper  
Don Hard  
Shirley Cole  
Katy Vaughn  
Donna Anderson  
(4.55) Peggy Wilder

## Rank Advancements

**Junior Master:** Duane Dietrich,  
Julie Harston and Stanley Matlick

**Club Master:** Linda Fischer

**Sectional Master:** Jackie Foster,  
Jerrold Joffe and Joyce Morrow

**Bronze Life Master:** Julie Abrahams

**Silver Life Master:**

David Chakmakian and  
Raymond Grady

## Top Games

(73.51) Shelton & Jim Howland; (72.45) Dave & Sue Sachs;  
(72.44) Frances Hill – Ray Call; (71.99) Ray Austin – Gail Meyer

## Adobe

By Ann Hinge/Ruth Hokum

Effective June 15<sup>th</sup>, Wagner "Van" Van Vlack has joined Adobe as Club Manager. He comes to us with amazing credentials and a passion for the game of bridge that matches many of the very faithful members of our Club. He is a familiar face in Unit 356 as he has been playing frequently. Van's career has been in public education, starting as a classroom teacher and then as school principal for 33 years, recently retiring from Catalina Foothills High School. He has all the traits necessary to be an effective manager – skills in

communication, conflict resolution, planning, training, financial management and public relations. Van will be teaching "Beginning Bridge A Start on a Life long Pas-time" in September. He will also be doing private lessons. He recently passed his ACBL Director's Exam so he will be involved in many bridge activities. He played a lot of bridge during his college years and became "addicted" again after his retirement. He has accumulated master points (500+) extremely rapidly in the last couple of years. He placed second in

the Tucson area Ace of Clubs unit race among all players in 2008 and is currently in first place. Please come join us for a game of bridge and meet Van. He will welcome you to the club and make you feel like returning for many more games!

### 65% Games:

- (69.44) George Good - Dev De Lucia  
(68.75) Louis & Phillis Herbster  
(68.52) Margaret Curvin - Eileen Sherlock  
(68.27) Jeffrey Lesser - Michael Levy  
(66.51) Jeffrey Lesser -

- Michael Levy  
(66.47) Melvin Norvelle - Chris Karabinas  
(66.35) Eileen Sherlock - Sydney Kaye  
(66.03) Judith Chaffee - Judson Jones  
(65.87) Louis & Phillis Herbster  
(65.77) William Schelstrate - Lanie Constable  
(65.46) Oz Vulkoff - Eleanor Furtak  
(65.05) Ernest & Ruth McCray  
**Special Events:**  
Club Championships  
**July 2nd and July 20th.**  
Charity Game **July 14th**

## Green Valley

By Allen Bowman

### High Scores:

- (72.45) Dave & Sue Sachs  
(71.99) Ray Austin - Gail Meyer  
(68.52) Robert Byrd - Albert Gese  
(67.18) Dalene Goetz - Mary Ruth Buchheister  
(67.13) Jean James - Bob Wharton  
(66.67) Ted Blomquist - Jo Morrison  
(65.74) Bob & Mary Baptist  
(65.53) Dave & Sue Sachs  
(65.34) Frank Giuffreda - Benita Nelson

## Thunder Mountain

By Chris Hasney

### High Scores:

- (66.00) Katy Vaughn - Paul Soper  
(65.40) Katy Vaughn - Margarete Gallauer

### Masters of the Month

George Willis was Life Master of the Month and Marc Hay was Non Life Master of the Month. Congratulations.



## Saguaro

By Doris Kuzmak

### High Scores:

- (73.51) Shelton & Jim Howland  
(69.73) Yvette Gormley - John Arnold  
(69.35) Gail Meyer - Benita Nelson

### Announcements:

Saguaro will be dark on JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> to observe the holiday. Happy Fourth of July! North American Pairs Qualifying Games will be **June 20th, July 18th** and **August 15th**. Come out and get extra points for these games!!!

## Mountain View

By Ron Morris

### 60% Games:

- Jo Ann Aiken - Michelle Werley  
Vicki Hanson - Marian Rogge  
Amiel Goodman - John Wolfe  
Bob Stotts - Ed Anderson (3 times)  
Donna & Gene DePesa  
Darwin & Kay Afdahl (2 times)  
Barbara Feeley - Jo Ann Aiken  
Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser  
Edward Helpert - Greg West  
Sara Doonan - Leo Pigarty (2 times)

Midge Miller - Betty Edwards

### Announcements:

The MountainView Duplicate Bridge Club conducts duplicate bridge games on Tuesday and Friday of each week in the DesertView 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 will hold nine sessions in June. There will be a Club Championship on the **June 26th**.

## I/N Corner

By Janet Andrews

We have been working hard on the July – September, 2009 issue of I/N the News that features the Pro-Am Game to be held **August 30th** at Adobe. Our goal is to provide information that will help you understand, prepare for, and participate in the game. If we have your email you will receive the next issue, however we are still missing over 45% of your email addresses. Please email me at [inrep@SouthernArizonaBridge.com](mailto:inrep@SouthernArizonaBridge.com) with your email address or suggestions for the newsletter.

## Las Candelas By Sonny Bal

### Master Point Winners

#### Over 1250:

- (13.73) Eric Swanson
- (13.11) Dave Douglass
- (10.48) Nona Dale
- (9.00) Marian Wilson
- (8.31) Lionel Larriva

#### 65% Games:

- (72.44) Frances Hill – Ray Call
- (69.68) Dave Douglass – Jo Ann Aiken
- (68.24) Doug & Jo Fritz
- (65.75) Ted Bayer – Jean Ramsey
- (65.74) Ted Reed – Glenda Chambers

- (65.71) Imogene Olcott – Jean Montague
- (65.68) Dave Douglass – Ray Call

#### Championships:

Club Championships will be held on **July 17th** and **July 20th**.

#### Announcements:

Classes are held Tuesday (Beginning Bridge) and on Wednesday (Intermediate Bridge). Both from 9:30am - 11:30am. Call Barbara Rosenthal at 331-9994 or email is Barbarsunshine8888@yahoo.com for information.

#### **Are you a card snapper?**

It's not necessary to noisily snap the cards on the table. Try just laying down the card quietly and see how pleasant it is. Usually snapping is just a bad habit, but it is quite annoying, especially to those of us with hearing aids where sharp sounds are often magnified.

## Help Needed

Don O'Bryan is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He is looking for those special people who are willing to volunteer their time and energies to make Unit 356 the best unit in the country. If you have these talents and are interested in being on the Board of Directors, please contact him at 825-5893 or email him at djaob@Q.com.

### *In Memoriam*

*Nancy Gray*

## Position Open

Unit 356 is looking for a "Set Up" Chairman to coordinate set up for our local tournaments. Please contact Prudy Cain at 444-8624 if you are interested.

## Unit Game

**June 14, 2009** (18 & 1/2 Tables)

### Flight A—Overall

1. Ken Badertscher - "Van" Van Vlack
2. Chi Newman - Lionel Larriva
3. Jo Ann Aiden - Barbara Feeley
4. Barry & Julie Abrahams

### Flight B—Overall

1. Barry & Julie Abrahams
2. Christie & Eugene McDougall
3. Walter Mann - Lanie Constable
4. Robert Hinkle—Faith Alster

### Flight C—Overall

1. Walter Mann - Lanie Constable
2. Nancy Porterfield - Sue Gehret
3. Lee Toomey - Rosemary Brophy
4. John Purdy - Vito Konur



## Lessons By Barbara Feeley

**Puppet Stayman** This variation of Stayman is primarily used after a 2 NT opening. Responder bids 3 Clubs, (alertable). Opener bids a 5 card major if he has one (alertable). The beauty of this bid is the ability to locate the 5-3 fit at the 3 level and therefore the ability of the opener to use the descriptive 2 NT bid as an opener, even with a 5 card major. If responder does not hold a 5 card major, nor any four card major, 3 NT sets the game. If opener does have one or two four card majors, the second bid is 3 Diamonds, (alertable). Responder bids the major suit that he does not have (alertable) so that opener can either bid the major or bid 3 NT. Once you get past that last part, about bidding the suit you don't have, it's a straightforward bidding. Example (opponents passing): 2 NT--3 Clubs (!) - 3 Diamonds (!)--3 Hearts (!, promising Spades)--4 Spades or 3 NT. Note that you cannot stop below game, and that it only requires a three card major for responder to initiate the Puppet Stayman sequence. Enjoy!

## Board-A-Match

**June 7, 2009** (13 Tables)

- 1st. Smith - Van Vlack - Douglass - Montague
- 2nd. Durkee - Day - McDougall - McDougall
- 3rd. Pozez - Rinehart - Reynolds - Reynolds
- 4th. Schatz - Hackbarth - Herrmann - Vonk
- 5/8. Hendricks - Hendricks - Augur - Bosse
- 5/8. Merrill - Chaffee - Austin - Austin
- 5/8. Halverson - Halverson - Larriva - Newman
- 5/8. Myers - Myers - Lu - Bill Conn



### DISTRICT 17 & UNIT 356 WEBSITES

<http://district17news.com> - Schedules for District 17 Regionals, Sectionals & Events  
<http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com> - Official Unit 356 website

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## WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Adobe Bridge Club</b> (Wagner "Van" Van Vlack, Club Manager) 3727 E Blacklidge— <b>795-2441</b> <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/">http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/</a>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> <b>5pm</b> NLM (Ventana)	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open and NLM	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b> NLM <b>1:00pm</b> Open
<b>Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club</b> Games Open to Members and Guests Only <a href="http://members.cox.net/gvbridge">members.cox.net/gvbridge</a>		<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>West</b>			<b>6:30pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>	<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>West</b>	
<b>High Desert Hands</b> 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager)— <b>559-7894</b> <a href="mailto:carol@crazyedoptical.com">carol@crazyedoptical.com</a>						<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Las Candelas Bridge Club</b> (Sonny Bal, Club Manager)— <b>696-9101</b> 401 E. Limberlost <a href="http://www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com">www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com</a>		<b>9am</b> Student (Casita) <b>12:30p</b> Open	<b>9:30a</b> NLM (Casita) <b>12:30p</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & 299 <b>6:30p</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>10:00am</b> Open	
<b>Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)— <b>818-1727</b> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke <a href="http://Mountainviewbridgeclub.com">Mountainviewbridgeclub.com</a>			<b>1:00pm</b>			<b>1:00pm</b>	
<b>Queen of Hearts Bridge Club</b> (James Richhart, Manager)— <b>744-4212</b> On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd	<i>Contact Jim Richhart for game dates &amp; times</i>						
<b>Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager)— <b>625-4027</b> or <b>237-1959</b> —600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church — <a href="mailto:dldkay@cox.net">dldkay@cox.net</a>							<b>12:30pm</b> Open
<b>Thunder Mountain Bridge Club</b> 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista— <b>803-9564</b> or <b>432-3883</b> — <a href="mailto:dhard@cox.net">dhard@cox.net</a>		<b>12:30pm</b>		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
				CC A		
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
				Sectional (Denver)	Sectional (Denver) Sectional (Ruidoso)	Sectional (Denver) Sectional (Ruidoso)
July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18
<i>Unit Game</i> (Adobe 1pm) Sectional (Denver) Sectional (Ruidoso)		CG A			CC LC	NAP A & S
July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25
	CC A & LC			NABC (DC)	NABC (DC)	NABC (DC)
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	
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**Abbreviations:** A – Adobe, LC – Las Candelas, MV – Mountain View, OH – Queen of Hearts, S – Saguaro, TM – Thunder Mountain, B – Birthdays, BAM – CAC – Club Appreciation Championship, CC – Club Championship, CG – Charity Game, MAG – Member Appreciation Game, NLM – Non Life Master, IN – Intermediate / Novice, ST – Swiss Teams, UWC – Unit Wide Championship, WWP – World Wide Pairs