

Unit 356



Unit 356



Desert Kibitzer



BRIDGE NEWS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA
www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com

April 2012

April Events

April 1

Pro/Am Swiss (Las Candelas)

April 2 - April 8
Regional (San Diego)

April 15
Unit Game (Adobe)

April 19 - April 22
Tucson Sectional
(Desert Diamond)

April 27
Unit Wide Championship
(Local Clubs)

April 30 - May 6
Senior Regional (Chandler)

UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Barry Abrahams

VICE PRESIDENT: Adair Karlin

TREASURER: Carolyn Reynolds

SECRETARY: Marge Curvin

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Steve Reynolds

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR: Bill Schelstrate

PARTNERSHIPS: Rudy Martinez

I/N PARTNERSHIP: Jo-Ann Vaughn

CADDY MASTER: Lee Toomey

CLUB MANAGER: Joan Merrill

EDUCATION: Adair Karlin

MEMBERSHIP: Derek Graybill

I/N REPRESENTATIVE: Jo-Ann Vaughn

KIBITZER: Christie McDougall

CONDUCT AND ETHICS: Derek Graybill

HOSPITALITY: Joan Merrill

PUBLICITY: Barry Abrahams

DISTRICT 17 REP: Darwin Afdahl

Welcome New Members

Randi Berkson
Judith Haagensen
Jane London
Mary Purdy
Donnie Stickley
Marci Yenerich

District 17 Official Website: www.d17acbl.org/
Unit 356 Official website www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com

February Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(16.04) Jere Webb, (7.46) Sydney Kaye, (6.68) Shirley M Gardner
(5.12) Suzanne Kinneer, (4.83) Margaret Linaburg

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(17.57) George Good, (16.04) Jim Wisemiller, (16.04) Jere Webb
(15.64) Martin Schiff Jr., (13.90) Naomi Smith

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(16.50) Allen Bowman, (14.90) Dick Lindquist, (13.09) Dick Grannis
(11.86) Dave Sachs, (11.86) Sue Sachs, (10.91) Franz Schatz
(10.85) Fran Herrmann, (10.48) Ron Payne, (8.36) Bill Hackbarth
(8.20) Karen Eble

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(6.00) Lanie Constable, (5.18) Mart Raigla, (4.47) John Piet
(3.06) Elinor Horner, (3.04) Bettina Thompson

Master Point Winners 501-1500

(10.64) Aaron Carnes, (8.61) Adair Karlin, (8.55) Karen Swanberg
(8.37) Walter Mann, (8.01) Ray Call

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners Flight A

(6.75) Dean Frost, (4.47) Vicki Hanson, (3.68) Loretta Wood
(3.34) Dick Quigg, (3.20) Marian Rogge

Top Master Point Winners Flight B

(3.68) Steve Sahl, (1.98) Jane Pendley, (1.55) Midge Miller
(1.55) Betty Edwards, (1.34) Stephanie Parks

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(12.99) Ron Payne, (12.58) Al Bowman, (8.24) Gene Maki, (8.24) Arnie Maki
(7.86) Fran Herrmann, (6.52) Jon Stromquist, (6.44) Ken Grafton
(5.88) Russ Stowers, (5.77) Joyce Lenz, (5.77) Ernie Perkins

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(7.94) Paul Soper, (5.87) George Willis, (4.35) Carole Dean, (4.31) James Cobis
(4.11) Marc R Hay, (3.77) Diana Smith, (3.66) Katy Vaughn, (3.25) Bob Feger
(3.16) Joyce Davis, (3.15) Donna Anderson

Over 70% Games

(71.96) Dave & Sue Sachs
(70.19) Sydney Kaye - Nicolai Minenko

Las Candelas *By Sunny Bal/Eric Swanson*

Master Point Winners Open

(14.64) Dave Douglass, (10.09) Don Cherry, (8.40) Jean Montague
(6.43) Barbara Feeley, (6.02) Darlene Barstad

65% Games

(68.43) Matt Raigla - John Posluszny; (68.15) Judd Jones - Cam Mette
(67.66) Aaron Carnes - Walt Carnes; (67.36) Ray Call - Karen Call
(67.19) Joe Rosenbaum - Ann Day; (65.93) Anita Weis - Janice Richards
(65.50) Adair Karlin - Joan Merrill; (65.49) Adair Karlin - Barry Abrahams
(65.28) Al Moya - Dick Augur

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

65% Games

(69.43) Ron Payne & Al Bowman
(67.25) Arnie & Gene Maki
(65.22) Gail Meyer & Ken Grafton

Check out our web page for upcoming special events.

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

Top Games

(71.96) Dave & Sue Sachs; (69.91) Bill Hackbarth & Butch Vuvunas
(68.75) Dave & Sue Sachs; (68.52) Dick Grannis & Dick Lindquist
(68.03) Arne & Gene Maki; (67.82) Al Bowman & Franz Schatz
(67.13) Dick Grannis & Dick Lindquist; (66.90) Dick Grannis & Greg Roth
(66.53) Ken Grafton & Dick Lindquist; (66.44) Bill Thornley & John Whelan
(65.77) Lee Balascoe & Ken Grafton; (65.73) Dana Scadden & Kate Shannon
65.72) Franz Schatz & Ron Payne; (65.28) Karen Eble & Russ Stowers
(65.06) Mick & Linda Miller; (65.05) Nancy DeBolt & Joanne Franson

Top Games 49ers

(68.18) Donald & Sharon Bins
(67.84) Dorothy Jackson & Cathy Waddle
(66.06) Joyce Carter & Kay Turner

Thunder Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club

Pairs with better than 65% games in February included:

(67.00) Sully Frumentti - Marjorie Dugas

(65.56) Diana Smith - Jim Handy

(65.00) Marc R Hay - Paul Soper

Tucson Charity Bridge *By Ruth Houkom/Brian Gersten*

Top Games

(65.48) Mickey Muse - Mary Hudson; (64.66) Rob Sanford - Helen Geare

(64.20) Larry Baum - Mary Hudson; (63.39) Dan Hoseman - Susan Hoseman

(63.26) Mickey Muse - Ruth Houkom

Our charity contributions have increased dramatically as our games continue to grow. In February, we donated \$850 to TROT, a charity who uses horses to help challenged children and veterans overcome trauma and gain strength and confidence. Our donations total \$6,615.

Adobe *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

Games over 65%

(70.19) Sydney Kaye - Nicolai Minenko; (69.64) Eleanor Horton - Suzanne Kinnear

(69.50) Despina Georgas - Brent Gibbs; (68.91) Shirley M Gardner - Pam Circuit

(68.75) David Rinehart - Randall Mandigo; (68.43) Naomi Smith - Rita Smith

(67.99) Robert Bixby - Jim Cosmas; (67.95) Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher

(67.95) Margaret Curvin - Duncan MacDonell

(66.99) Olga E Lawrence - Jane Pendley; (66.37) Colleen Holmes - Peter Holmes

(66.19) Karen Balch - Alicia Anderson; (65.97) Margaret Curvin - Eileen Sherlock

(65.97) Giff Kassebaum - Jim Kassebaum

(65.23) Kenneth Badertscher - Elizabeth J Howe

The Adobe will be holding an NABC fund game on Thursday, April 12.



Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Susan Chaikin
James Chisholm
Pamela Duchaine
William Hornung
Audrey Miller
Hedy Miller
Ellyn A Ostrow
Larry Reich
Karrell Staton
Tommie Wilson

New Club Masters:

Hurd Baruch
Rose Fries
Jeanne McCleery
Karlyn Meinert
Jim Miller
Gary Rose

New Sectional Masters:

Gillian Berger
Sondra Fagenson
Kay Stitzel
Jo-Ann H Vaughn
Kathleen Vishner
Charlotte Weller

New Regional Masters:

Gene Vernon
John Ziegelbauer
Thomas Zolnay

New Life Masters:

Robert Murray

New Silver Life Masters:

Sunand Bal
Sydney Kaye

Unit Event News

Unit 356 is moving into the tournament season again. In addition to the fall and spring sectionals there are NLM tournaments and a regional on the near horizon.

The tournaments coming up will have fabulous food and a new schedule which will make the games more accessible for everyone.

We are also seeking players interested in **being on "standby" for a partner at tournaments. "Standby" players will be offered a free play to cover the fees for that session.** If you would like to be a **"standby" players for or help with any of** these tournaments, please contact the tournament chairman, Steve Reynolds, at tv1@cox.net.

Check out flyers for the upcoming events on the unit website.

Spring Sectional
April 19-22 (Desert Diamond)

NEW: There is a 50% discount on tournament entries for students under 25 years of age at future tournaments.



I/N Corner by Jo-Ann Vaughn

Tucson Spring Sectional is April 19th-22nd at Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino. Please let Rudy Martinez know if you need help finding a partner as soon as possible. Rudy can be e-mailed at partnerships@SouthernArizonaBridge.com. Please see the flyer on our website or at your local club for further details.

The Unit Game this month is Sunday, April 15th at Adobe Bridge Club. Snacks are served prior to the beginning of the game at 1 PM. Please call Adobe (795-2441) to make your reservation. If you need a partner please let me know. Remember there are extra black points awarded for this game!

I represent your voice to the Unit Board. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. You may contact me at jhvaughn49@gmail.com

See you at the table! Jo-Ann

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE AND RULES (Reprinted from article by Marilyn Hemenway 2003)

Once the bidding has begun, general conversation is not encouraged at the bridge table. All players need to understand that duplicate bridge is a very competitive game and thus each player needs to respect the rights of all other players. Before the first board begins it is certainly permissible to exchange pleasantries with partner and the opponents.

At no time should there be any discussion of the hands. Wait until the game is over for post-mortems. Not only is it illegal to discuss hands in front of opponents, it is usually not in the best interest of a partnership effort. When North scores the result on the traveler and offers it for the others to see, there should be no discussion of the results.

Keep your mannerisms and intonations consistent at all times. Neither partner nor the opponents are entitled to information gained from deviations in behavior or voice fluctuations. It takes a great deal of effort to master a uniform tempo of play and a steady voice level, but without them, the opponents obtain much more information that you need to give them.



BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League

A Practice Finesse by Brian Gunnell

The humble finesse is the first thing we learn, and we also learn that some finesses win, some lose. Later we learn that some finesses are purely for practice and serve no useful purpose. Here is a case in point.

	♠ QJ965 ♥ KJ97 ♦ A2 ♣ AQ	
♠ 843 ♥ ♦ KJ983 ♣ J9875	North West East South	♠ ♥ Q65432 ♦ QT4 ♣ KT63
	♠ AKT72 ♥ AT8 ♦ 765 ♣ 42	

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1♠	2NT	Dbl	5♣
Pass	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West's 2NT was the "Unusual No Trump", showing both minors, and North eventually plunged (some would say recklessly) into slam. West leads a Club, your job is to make 12 tricks.

A Diamond loser is unavoidable, so you must guess the whereabouts of the ♥Q if this slam is to make. And then there is the small matter of the Club suit. Do you take the finesse? Surprisingly, it's not necessary! We've already determined that you need to bring in the Hearts, and if that is the case then the 4th round of Hearts can be used to pitch the Club loser.

OK, you hop up with the ♣A, and draw trumps, ending on the board. Who has the ♥Q? Surely East! West's bidding showed both minors (usually 5-5) and later he played three Spades. That doesn't leave room for many Hearts! So, Declarer runs the ♥J around and West predictably shows out. Another Heart finesse, the ♥A is cashed, over to the ♦A, then the Club loser goes on the ♥K. Making 12 tricks, losing just a Diamond.

Getting the Heart suit right did not require rocket science. Realizing that the Club finesse was not needed? Not so obvious. The winning train of thought was: I must lose a Diamond ... so I cannot lose a Heart ... if I don't lose a Heart then I can park the losing Club on the 4th round of Hearts.

Visit www.acbl.org for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email marketing@acbl.org

WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Leonard Hall Club Manager) adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net 3727 E Blackledge - 795-2441 www.adobebridgeclub.org	1:00pm Open	9:00am Newcomer (0-20) 12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open	9:00am NLM 1:00pm Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) albowmangv@cox.net gvbridge.com		1:00pm Inv Canoa			1:00pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv Canoa	
High Desert Hands (Mary Ahern, Club Manager) mahearn@vtc.net 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites - 603-4359						12:00pm	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sunny Bal, Club Manager) contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com 401 E. Limberlost - 696-9101 www.bridgewebs.com/lascandelas		12:30pm Open	9-11am Bid and Play 12:30pm Open & NLM	12:30pm Open & NLM 6:30p Open	12:30pm Open	10:00am Open & NLM	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) jotax123@aol.com 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke - 818-1727 Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			1:00pm			1:00pm	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club 744-4212 (James Richhart, Manager)— richhart@comcast.net On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd					9:00am Seasonal		
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) dldkay@cox.net 625-4027 or 237-1959 —600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church gvbridge.com							12:30pm Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club Diana Smith, Mgr 803-9564 or 432-3883 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista www.sierravistabridge.com		12:30pm		12:30pm	6:30pm	12:30pm	
Tucson Charity Bridge (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 5360 E Pima Street, Tucson info@tucsoncharitybridge.com OR www.tucsoncharitybridge.com		5pm NLM (Ventana)			10:00am NLM		

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
Pro/Am Swiss Teams Las Candelas Adobe Closed	Regional (San Diego)	Regional (San Diego)	Regional (San Diego)	Regional (San Diego)	AD C Regional (San Diego)	Regional (San Diego)
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
Regional (San Diego)		AD B, CC LC CC		AD NABC Fund Game		
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
Unit Game Adobe	AD CC (both games)			Tucson Sectional (Desert Diamond)	Tucson Sectional (Desert Diamond)	Tucson Sectional (Desert Diamond)
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
Tucson Sectional (Desert Diamond)				LC CC	LC B Unit Wide Championship Local Clubs	
April 29	April 30					
LC Swiss Teams	AD C Senior Regional (Chandler)					

Abbreviations: AD—Adobe, LC—Las Candelas, MV—Mountain View, S—Saguaro, TM—Thunder Mountain, 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