

Unit 356



August Events

July 23—August 2
NABC (Washington DC)

August 7-9
Sectional
(Grand Junction)

August 9
Unit Game
(Las Candelas 1:00pm)

August 17-23
Regional (Phoenix)

August 24-30
Swiss STaC
(Local Clubs)

August 30
Pro/AM Swiss Teams
(Adobe 1pm)

Welcome
New Members
Jeanne McCleery
and
Heath Wingate

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= 500-1500
Strat C= 0-499

The Desert Kibitzer



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August 2009

Monthly Master Point Winners

Adobe

Under 1000

(15.36) Carol Pilmar
(9.09) Wagner Van Vlack
(8.61) Ann Day
(8.28) Linda Lineberry
(6.61) Carolyn Reynolds
Over 1000
(14.79) Percy Brown
(14.52) Martin Schiff
(13.94) Mike Levy
(13.78) Lois Jameson
(13.71) Steve Reynolds

Green Valley

Top Ten
(11.45) Dave Sachs
(11.45) Sue Sachs
(10.21) Bob Baptist
(10.21) Mary Baptist
(6.88) Allen Bowman
(6.14) Ted Fones
(6.05) Franz Schatz

(5.88) Ernie Perkins
(5.26) Fran Herrmann
(5.19) Dave Armstrong
(5.19) Mary Armstrong

Las Candelas

Under 500
(6.44) Bettina Thompson
(6.03) Jacqueline Gillette
(5.95) Clair Kretschmann
(5.33) Janette Graunke
(4.45) John Piet
500—1250

(10.33) Avice Bosse
(6.56) Karen Swanberg
(5.89) Barbara Rosenthal
(5.79) Marty Chakmakian
(5.60) Fay Kallina

Saguaro

Top Winners
(7.55) Sue Sachs
(7.55) David Sachs

(5.66) Dave Armstrong
(5.66) Bill Cowen
(5.37) Yvette Gormley
(5.17) Fran Krezak
(5.17) Don Krezak
(3.94) Karen Linder
(3.94) Marge Simpson
(3.80) Jean James
(3.80) Ernie Perkins

Thunder Mountain

Top Ten
(8.69) Paul Soper
Don Hard
Marc Hay
Katy Vaughn
George Willis
Peggy Wilder
Diana Smith
Keith Stearns
Joyce Davis
(3.67) Judy Shelnett

Rank Advancements

Junior Master: Marlee Millman and Sharon O'Connor

Club Master: Uta Antony, Ruth Houkom, Ben Kesler, Ann King, Donna Moser, Kathy Parker and Arlene Zuckerman

Sectional Master: Judith Chaffee, Ernest McCray, Ruth McCray,

Mary Melton, Sig Melton and Nila Riddle

NABC Master: Judith Green and John McKenna

Bronze Life Master: Barry Abrahams

Silver Life Master: Theodore Bayer

Emerald Life Master: Kay Afdahl

Top Games

(74.19) Dave & Sue Sachs; (73.84) Martin Schiff—Mike Levy;
(73.18) Bob & Mary Baptist; (72.84) Frank Larriva—John Antliff;
(72.52) Pat Kirk—Lorraine Bothwell; (72.49) Bob & Mary Baptist
(72.32) Sue & Dave Sachs (72.25) Martin Schiff—Mike Levy;
(72.00) Jackie Foster—Jane Klug; (70.81) Allen Bowman—Bob Wharton;
(70.37) Dave & Sue Sachs; (70.34) Percy Brown—Nicolai Minenko;
(70.31) Eleanor Furtak—Linda Lineberry and
(70.19) Sunand Bal—Vijay Bal

Adobe By Wagner Van Vlack

High Games:

(73.84) Martin Schiff –
Mike Levy
(72.84) Frank Larriva –
John Antliff
(72.25) Martin Schiff –
Mike Levy
(70.34) Percy Brown –
Nicolai Minenko
(70.31) Eleanor Furtak –
Linda Lineberry
(70.19) Sunand Bal –
Vijay Bal
(69.05) Steve Reynolds –
Dave Rinehart
(68.03) Percy Brown –
Naomi Smith

(66.90) Jeffrey Lesser –
Michael Levy
(66.67) Eugene McDougall –
Leslie Durkee
(66.44) Wagner Van Vlack –
Bengt Bjernfalk
(65.51) Kelly Bright –
Russell Bright
(65.31) George Good –
Larry Dunham
(65.18) Martin Schiff –
Mike Levy
(65.05) Michael Levy –
Louis Herbster

have less than 20 master points. We encourage the beginning bridge players or anyone with fewer than 20 points to join us.
Wednesday August 5 = Club Championship, Tuesday August 11 = Charity Game and Birthday Cake, Sunday, August 16 = Club Championship, Wednesday August 26 = STAC Swiss Team Event and Sunday August 30 = Pro-Am Swiss Teams.

Special Events:

Adobe is starting a new game on Friday afternoons at 12:30pm for players who

Green Valley By Allen

High Scores:

(74.19) Dave & Sue Sachs
(73.18) Bob & Mary Baptist
(72.49) Bob & Mary Baptist
(70.81) Allen Bowman - Bob Wharton
(70.37) Dave & Sue Sachs
(69.55) Herb Graffweg - Patricia Kofal
(69.44) Dave & Sue Sachs
(68.52) Joyce Lenz - Ernie Perkins
(68.29) Dave & Sue Sachs
(68.19) Fran Herrmann - Franz Schatz
(67.56) Dave & Sue Sachs
(67.36) Dave & Sue Sachs
(66.96) Bob & Mary Baptist
(66.44) Bob & Mary Baptist
(65.28) Bob & Mary Baptist
(65.05) Vince Fragomeni - Sally Payne

Thunder Mountain

By Chris Hasney

High Scores:

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

Masters of the Month

Monday -- John Thompson Jr. with his student Keith Stearns, Marc Hay with Chris Hasney, and Julie Montemayor with Don Hard (a 3-way tie!)
Wednesday and Friday -- Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith
Thursday -- Katy Vaughn and Don Hard

Saguaro By Doris Kuzmak

High Scores:

On 6/27 there were two high percentage games. Pat Kirk & Loraine Bothwell 72.52% and Sue & Dave Sachs 72.32% Both of these pairs were playing the same direction in the same section!!!
How would you like to come in 2nd with a 72.32% Game??

Announcements:

Don't forget the last NAP qualifying game on August 22nd and STaC game on August 29th.

I / N Corner By Janet Andrews

Don't forget to sign up for the Pro-Am Game to be held August 30 at Adobe. The more tables we have the more points to win and fun to be had. Ask your mentor or favorite Life Master to play with you (I have). If you need a partner tell Marge Curvin or me at a game, sign up at the bottom of the sheet at the clubs, or email me at inrep@SouthernArizonaBridge.com and I will **find you a partner and team. And don't forget to come 30 minutes early for the yummy food.**

Las Candelas By Sonny Bal

Master Point Winners

Over 1250:

(17.98) Dave Douglass
(5.79) David Chakmakian
(5.41) Franz Schatz
(5.23) Jean Ramsey
(5.14) Dick Augur

65% Games:

(69.71) Wagner Van Vlack –
Bengt Bjernfalk
(69.64) Wagner Van Vlack –
Dave Douglass
(68.06) Marian Rogge –
Marie Heald
(67.12) John Piet – Chi Neuman
(66.97) Barbara Rosenthal –
Fay Kallina
(66.75) Diane Lowell –
Bud Smith
(66.15) Rita Smith –
Geraldine Biggs
(65.51) Dave Douglass –
JoAnn Aiken

(65.47) Ann Day – Bob Simrak
(65.06) Sunand Bal –
Dave Douglass
(65.00) Ann Kuperberg –
Ricard Quigg

Announcements:

Championship Games – August 20, 2009. A new NLM Game will start Tuesday - September 29, 2009. Fall Classes begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - “**Introduction to Bridge**”. Wednesday September 23, 2009 “**Popular Bridge Conventions**” – Both taught by Barbara Rosenthal (9:30am for 6 weeks - \$75.00 including text. Monday - October 12, 2009 – November 23 “**Beginning Bridge**” Tuesday - October 13, 2009 – November 24, 2009. “**Intermediate Bridge**” – Both taught by Bob Hinkle –

In Memoriam

*Adele Fox
Mary Perry*

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.

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

July 12, 2009 (16 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser
2. Wagner Van Vlack - Sunand Bal
- 3/4. Nancy Atherton - Steve Reynolds
- 3/4. Betty Fine - Maria Morris

Flight B—Overall

1. Wagner Van Vlack - Sunand Bal
2. Wesley Murbach - Donna McGrath
3. David Stewart - William Schelstrate
4. Barry Abrahams - Julie Abrahams

NLM (5 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Sharon Powers - Deann Shawkey
2. Margaret Curvin - Janet Andrews

Flight B—Overall

1. Sharon Powers - Deann Shawkey
- 2/3. Al Oakland & Jane Oakland
- 2/3. Floyd McKinsey -
Stephanie Parks

Lessons by Barbara Feeley

A Challenging Hand from the Las Vegas Tournament

In a Knockout Contest, your hand contains: ♠Axxx; ♥AJxx; ♦A; ♣AKJx. What's your bid? Both tables chose 2 ♣'s to show the strength of the hand, but then had difficulty after that. Remember your lessons about preparation for your rebid? At both tables, the 2 ♥ response showed no aces and no kings. At one table the opener then passed on the theory that it needed to be in a part score in a suit contract, and guessing that ♥'s was as good a guess as any. Down two. At the other table the declarer continued making forcing bids to find the best suit which happened to be ♣'s.

Six ♣'s was down two as well.

Fascinating to me that the resulting contracts were so divergent with the same hand! Precision players also have difficulty finding a good second

bid on this hand. With a holding of 4-4-4-1, most authors and texts suggest that the hand be downgraded in points because of the uncomfortable rebid. If opened 1 ♣, lots of possibilities exist for a logical part score. Responder on the given hand (6,4 in minors) might bid inverted minor 3 ♣'s. Responder might pass, allowing opponents to bid or double, and opener to make another call. Even with the Ace as a singleton, 4-4-4-1 hands do not play well in no trump, and this is no exception. When one hand is extremely weak it is often best to play in the long suit of the weak hand. This allows some trumping and some transportation. A part score in ♣'s (or even ♦'s!) would have been a winner on this one.

Lesson: Be prepared for your rebid before you open the bidding. Be more aggressive with hands that can be

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<http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com> - Official Unit 356 website

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WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

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

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						August 1
						NABC (DC)
August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8
NABC (DC)			CC A		Sectional (Grand Junction)	Sectional (Grand Junction)
August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15
Unit Game (Adobe) 1pm Sectional (Grand Junction)		CH & B A				
August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22
CC A	Reginal (Phoenix)	Reginal (Phoenix)	Reginal (Phoenix)	CC LC Reginal (Phoenix)	Reginal (Phoenix)	Reginal (Phoenix)
August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28/29	August 30 Sunday
Reginal (Phoenix)	Swiss STac (Local clubs)	Swiss STac (Local clubs)	Swiss STac A (Local clubs)	Swiss STac (Local clubs)	Swiss STac (Local clubs)	Swiss STac (Local clubs) Pro/AM Swiss A 1pm

Abbreviations: A—Adobe, LC—Las Candelas, MV—Mountain View, QH—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