

Unit 356



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BRIDGE NEWS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA
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December 2011

December Events

December 5th-11th

Holiday STaC (Local Clubs)

December 11th

Member Appreciation STaC
2 sessions starting at 9 am
Open section (Adobe)
NLM section (Las Candelas)

December 12th-18th

Regional (Rancho Mirage)

UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Barry Abrahams

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EDUCATION: Adair Karlin

MEMBERSHIP: Joan Merrill

I/N REPRESENTATIVE: Jo-Ann Vaughn

KIBITZER: Christie McDougall

CONDUCT AND ETHICS: Dave Douglass

HOSPITALITY: Joan Merrill

PUBLICITY: Barry Abrahams

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dave Douglass

DISTRICT 17 REP: Darwin Afdahl

Welcome New Members

Kathy Bannon
Dorothy Emerton
Cindy Shoemaker



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

October Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(14.03) William Schelstrate, (9.51) Doug Austin, (9.51) Jean B Austin
(8.87) Linda Lineberry, (8.16) Jere Webb

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(25.60) George Good, (19.43) Kenneth Badertscher, (19.01) Martin Schiff Jr.
(16.07) B Robert Simrak, (14.03) William Schelstrate

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

(16.29) Bob Baptist, (16.29) Mary Baptist, (15.22) Ted Walden, (13.81) Gail Meyer
(13.56) Ron Payne, (13.36) Frank Giuffreda, (12.87) Donna Pasley, (12.85) Karen Eble
(12.83) Franz Schatz, (11.38) Yvette Gormley

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(6.54) Barbie Corbett, (4.77) Lynda Thomas, (4.31) Arline Henman
(4.17) Jo Kervick, (4.06) Lanie Constable

Master Point Winners 501-1500

(11.60) Ann Day, (11.51) Aaron Carnes, (9.89) Jackie Gillette
(8.10) Adair Karlin, (7.73) Rodney Letts

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners Flight A

(5.97) Jeff Lesser, (5.97) Sheila Lesser, (5.70) Ed Anderson
(4.15) Bob Stotts, (3.93) Darlene Barstad

Top Master Point Winners Flight B

(4.36) Dick Quigg, (4.04) Betty Meyer, (4.04) Bob Murray
(3.35) Betty Edwards, (3.35) Midge Miller

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(14.03) Gene Maki; (14.03) Arnie Maki; (8.34) Franz Schatz; (5.59) Fran Herrmann
(5.33) Ron Payne; (5.24) Bill Hackbarth; (4.49) Mary Baptist; (4.49) Bob Baptist
(4.49) Sue Sachs; (4.49) David Sachs

Thunder Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(7.88) Marc R Hay, (7.83) George Willis, (7.26) Paul Soper, (4.32) Larry Scott
(4.27) Judy Shelnett, (4.16) Donald Hard, (3.96) Charles Comeau
(3.89) Margaret Wilder, (3.89) Diana Smith, (3.63) James Cobis

Over 70% Games

(75.60) George Good - Lawrence Dev De Lucia
(73.62) Dave Douglass - Aaron Carnes
(72.50) Marjorie Dugas - Sully Frument
(71.88) Paul Soper - George Willis
(71) Darlene Barstad - Marie Heald
(70.50) Nona Dale - Aaron Carnes
(70.30) Nona Dale - Aaron Carnes
(70.14) Nandkumar Bakshani - Jean Montague

Las Candelas *By Sunny Bal/Eric Swanson*

Master Point Winners Open

(15.03) Dave Douglass, (12.74) Nona Dale, (7.37) Eric Swanson
(6.61) Jean Montague, (6.07) Don O'Bryan

65% Games

(73.62) Dave Douglass - Aaron Carnes; (70.50) Nona Dale - Aaron Carnes
(70.30) Nona Dale - Aaron Carnes; (68.50) Garry Terrill - Sharon Terrill
(66.90) Marian Rogge - Ginny Rutledge; (66.90) Fran Herrmann - Jean Montague
(66.50) Mary Letts - Rodney Letts; (66.03) Al Peters - Ann Day
(65.80) Nadine Schacht - Darwin Afdahl

Announcements

"Beginning Bridge"-Monday November 28-6 weeks \$75 including text
"2/1 Game Force"-Wednesday November 30-6 weeks \$75 including text
These 2 classes taught by Barbara Rosenthal
331-9444 barbarasunshine88@gmail.com

Saguaro *By Doris Kuzmak*

(68.52%) Bill Hackbarth; (68.52%) Ron Payne; (68.52%) Gene Maki
(68.52%) Arnie Maki; (68.52%) Sue Sachs; (68.52%) David Sachs
(68.52%) Mary Baptist; (68.52%) Bob Baptist; (66.96%) Linda Miller
(66.96%) Mick Miller; (66.69%) Ted Walden; (66.69%) Al Bowman
(66.69%,65.46%) Fran Herrmann; (66.69%,65.46%) Franz Schatz

Our Holiday Party and Club Championship Game will be held on December 3. There will NOT be a game on December 24—Christmas Eve.

Green Valley *By Allen Bowman*

Top Games

(68.65) Fran Herrmann & Erni Perkins; (68.33) Ron Payne & Franz Schatz
(68.06) Bob & Mary Baptist; (67.36) Mick & Linda Miller
(66.67) Al Bowman & Brenda Sonderegger; (66.44) Shirley Spink & Anne West
(66.20) Arne & Gene Maki; (65.53) Yvette Gormley & Brenda Sonderegger
(65.51) Jeff Blake & Dick Grannis; (65.15) Frank Giuffreda & Ted Walden

High Desert Hands *By Carol Lee Erbeck*

WE'RE INVITING ALL OF OUR FRIENDS to the STaC on December 10, 2011
High Desert Hands will once again host a December Sectional Tournament at Clubs on Saturday, December 10, 2011. All the Clubs in the Unit are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am; the game begins at noon. Total cost: \$5 per person. Don't have a partner? No problem: we'll set you up with one.

Reservations are requested. We need to know how many for lunch and how many tables to plan for play. Please call Carol Erbeck at 520-559-7894 to RSVP and for more information. Or email her at carol@crazyedoptical.com. Please RSVP no later than December 5.

Directions to the Club: Interstate 10 East to Exit 318 - Dragoon Road. Turn right. After about 13 miles, Dragoon will come to a tee at Highway 191. Turn right. In about 7.5 miles you'll come to the south end of Sunsites. Turn right onto Treasure Road. The Community Center is the only building on the left.

Mountain View *By JoAnn Aiken*

Pairs with better than 65% games in October included:
(71%) Barstad - Heald; (69%) Afdahls; (68%) Lessers
(67%) Werley - Wood; (66%) Hanson - Frost; (65%) Fritzs

Tucson Charity Bridge *By Ruth Houkom/Brian Gersten*

Top Games - Streams

(62.08) Joe Bianco - Ruth McCray; (61.95) Marian Handy - Liz Peirce
(61.67) Sally Berk - Mike Berk; (61.57) Dave Jaskar - Hurd Baruch
(60.71) Linda Akerman - Lou Akerman

Top Games - Ventana

(66.67) David Jaskar - Patti Schadow; (65.42) Al Oakland - Jane Oakland
(64.50) Marlee Millman - David Burks; (60.83) David Jaskar - Hurd Baruch
(60.83) Allen Baron - Martha Baron; (60.83) Elaine Goldberg - Dottie Plotkin

We have now donated \$3,685 to local Charities. We donated \$615 to Interfaith Community Services which was our Charity for October -- we are also collecting nonperishable food for ICS this month. We are supporting the Ronald McDonald House of Tucson during the month of November, a charity nominated by Donna Moser. Please visit our website for complete details!

Adobe *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

Games over 65%

(75.60) George Good - Lawrence Dev De Lucia
(70.14) Nandkumar Bakshani - Jean Montague
(68.45) Eric Swanson - Nandkumar Bakshani; (67.36) Richard Plumer - Sydney Kaye
(67.26) George Good - Greg West; (67.26) Lawrence De Lucia - Constance Whitehead
(66.90) Kenneth Badertscher - Mary Maxwell; (66.44) Louis Herbster - Phillis Herbster
(65.74) Stephen Pozez - Steve Reynolds; (65.34) Bob Johnston - Lois Jameson
(65.28) Kenneth Badertscher - Nancy Atherton; (65.28) George Good - Larry Dunham
(65.18) Sydney Kaye - Nicolai Minenko; (65.18) Randall Mandigo - David Rinehart
(65.15) Jo Billeter - Nancy Lord Watts

Thunder Mountain

Games over 65%

(72.50) Marjorie Dugas - Sully Frumentti; (71.88) Paul Soper - George Willis

Recent Rank Advances

New Junior Masters:

Joan Brown
Tunde Dolan
Elizabeth Henley
Sylvia Reed

New Sectional Masters:

Sherry Caldwell
Patty Everts
Norma Griffin

New Regional Masters:

Donna Moser

New NABC Masters:

Elinor Horner
Stephanie Parks

New Bronze Life Masters:

Dean Frost
Lenore Toomey

New Silver Life Masters:

Charles Findeisen

New Gold Life Masters:

David Rinehart

ELECTION NEWS

Slate of Candidates

Marge Curvin
Derek Graybill
Judson Jones
Joan Merrill
Bill Schelstrate
Nancy Sweat
Lee Toomey
Jere Webb

Election Timelines

Voting will close November 23, 2011.
Ballots will be counted by November 26, 2011.

Election results will be recorded in the first meeting of the new board of directors (January 15, 2012).

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. Also, if you would like to help with any of these tournaments, please contact the tournament chairman, Steve Reynolds, at tvs1@cox.net.

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

Member Appreciation 2 session STaC

9 AM start - Preregistration required

- NLM section (Las Candelas)
- Open Section (Adobe)

Winter Sectional

January 5-8 (Desert Diamond)

Old Pueblo Regional

Feb 27- Mar 4 (Holiday Inn)

NLM Sectional

March 16-18 (Hotel Tucson)

Spring Sectional

April 19-22 (Desert Diamond)



I/N Corner by *Jo-Ann Vaughn*

PLEASE be sure to sign up for the Two Session Unit Game (STaC) and Holiday Party on Sunday December 11th. The NLM games will be held at the Las Candelas starting at 9AM. The complete flyer with sign up information can be found on the Unit 356 website. Pre-registration is required for this event. If you need a partner, please let me know. Silver points are awarded at both games.

I cannot believe it is already time to start thinking about 2012. The Tucson Winter Sectional is January 5-8, 2012 at the Desert Diamond. Please let me know if you need help finding a partner as soon as possible.

The Unit Game next month is Sunday, January 15th at Las Candelas Bridge Club. Snacks are served prior to the beginning of the game at 1 PM. Please call Las Candelas (696-9101) to make your reservation. If you need a partner please let me know. Remember there are extra black points awarded for this game!

As the I/N representative to the Unit Board, 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



Grand National Teams Qualifier November 13 (10 teams)

A	B	C
1	1	William Schelstrate - Jere Webb - Walter Mann - Barbie J Corbett
2		Sunand Bal - Nona Dale - Eric Swanson - Aaron Carnes
3		B Robert Simrak - Nicolai Minenko - Sydney Kaye - Greg West
4		Steve Reynolds - Carolyn Reynolds - Sarah Baumann - Stephen Pozez

Unit Event Results

Unit Wide Championship November 18 Open Sections 70.5 tables

Flight A Event Leaders

- 1 Mary Baptist - Robert Baptist
- 2 Richard Scheibelhut - Karen Swanberg
- 3 Paul Shalita - Greg West
- 4 J Craig Saunders - Lynda Saunders
- 5 Arne Maki - Gene Maki
- 6 Joyce Lenz - Serena Astlett
- 7 Jeffrey Lesser - Sheila Lesser
- 8 Nancy Fuesz - Warren Fuesz
- 9 Doug Fritz - Jo Fritz

Flight B Event Leaders

- 1 Richard Scheibelhut - Karen Swanberg
- 2 J Craig Saunders - Lynda Saunders
- 3 Joyce Lenz - Serena Astlett
- 4 Rosemary Brophy - Sue Gehret
- 5 Raymond Grady - Reginald Graves
- 6 Dorothy Lu - Ron Gagne

Flight C Event Leaders

- 1 Dorothy Lu - Ron Gagne
- 2 Betty Meyer - Robert Murray
- 3 Vernon Forster - Rebecca Johnson
- 4 Sue Kennedy - Thomas Kennedy
- 5 Jerry Royston - Marion Royston
- 6 Susan Dunn - Renie Lee

Unit Wide Championship November 18 NLM Section - 18 tables

Flight D Event Leaders

- 1 Cynthia Peters - Holly Rieger
- 2 Lynne Knight - Sheryal Atkins
- 3 Hank Wiseman - Marian Wiseman
- 4 Barbara Vandertie - Bernice Ryan
- 5 Sydney Skeels - Marlene Oberg
- 6 Dawn Cate - Jim Cate

Unit Game Open Section November 20 Open Section (17.5 tables)

A B

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Don Cherry - Helen Cherry |
| 2 | Barbara Feeley - Jo Ann Aiken |
| 3 | George Good - Greg West |
| 4 | Carolyn Reynolds - Steve Reynolds |
| 5 | Marie Heald - Eleanor Horton |
| 6 | Franz Schatz - Lorraine Vonk |
| 1 | Lanie Constable - Lee Erdman |
| 2 | Diana McGinn - Stephanie Parks |
| 3 | William Schelstrate - Jere Webb |
| 4 | Henry Williams - Rosemary Wade |
| 5 | Raymond Grady - Sunand Bal |

Unit Game November 20

NLM Section (5 tables)

D E F

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|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Dave Miller - Jim Miller |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | Bill Robinson - Dick Naughton |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | Helene Sbar - Marc Sbar |
| 4 | | | Margaret Curvin - Duncan McDonald |





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To: Unit 356 Players

The Unit Board recognizes that at the last two Unit Games the playing environment was unsatisfactory and there have been a number of incidents that have disrupted play, created confusion and frustration by our players.

As a response, the Board is going to be issuing specific guidance to Club Managers and Directors to provide them the Unit's intent on how Unit sponsored games shall be conducted as well as answer some questions that directors face when making decisions about seating, participation, entries and more.

In addition the Board will and has issued written advisories or warnings to players who cause a disruption in play or violate Zero Tolerance policies.

The Board is dedicated to creating a positive playing environment for all Unit sponsored games. We hope that this will be apparent over the next several months.

Thank you,

Barry Abrahams
e-mail: BLINCOLNA@hotmail.com

Delightful Deception
by Brian Gunnell

The game of bridge is enriched by many beautiful plays and stratagems, and we all love to talk about our latest Trump Coup or Double Squeeze. But even that pales into insignificance when compared to the fun we get from hoodwinking the opponents with a **deceptive play**. There's nothing a bridge player enjoys more than a little bit of larceny!

	♠ 652 ♥ 874 ♦ A654 ♣ A64	
♠ AKJ ♥ 6532 ♦ JT9 ♣ 987	North West East South	♠ 43 ♥ QT9 ♦ Q873 ♣ JT53
	♠ QT987 ♥ AKJ ♦ K2 ♣ KQ2	

The N-S auction goes 1♠-2♠-4♠. West leads ♦J and when Dummy goes down it's apparent that the success of the contract depends upon not losing three Spades and one Heart. It's a simple hand, wouldn't you say? Declarer wins the Diamond lead in Dummy, and finesses the ♠T, losing to West's Jack. Oh, well, now there are three sure trump losers and Declarer uses Dummy's sole remaining entry to take the Heart finesse. That works, and it's 10 tricks for Declarer, losing just three trumps.

Rewind! That was easy for Declarer, but only because West made it so. On the first round of trumps, when Declarer finessed the ♠T, a more wily West would have played the Ace (or King)! This doesn't cost anything as West still scores three trump tricks eventually. Now, a bamboozled Declarer crosses to Dummy for the last time and repeats the Spade finesse (which he "knows" will work), rather than take the Heart finesse (which may not work). Beating 4♠ by one trick? A fine result! The look on Declarer's face when the second Spade finesse loses? Priceless!

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WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Leonard Hall, Club Manager) adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net 3727 E Blacklidge - 795-2441 www.adobebridgeclub.org	1:00pm Open	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 members.cox.net/gvbridge		1:00pm Inv Canoa			1:00pm Inv Canoa	1:00pm Inv Canoa	
High Desert Hands (Carol Lee Erbeck, Club Manager) carol@crazyedoptical.com 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites - 559-7894						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 Thru April 2010		
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 www.members.cox.net/saguarodbc2							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 – December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				December 1	December 2	December 3
			Fall Sectional (Desert Diamond)	AD CC	LC CC	AD Closed S CC and Party
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
	STaC (AD, LC)	STaC (AD, LC)	STaC (AD, LC)	STaC (AD, LC)	STaC (AD, LC)	STaC (AD)
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17
2 session Unit Game STaC 9am start Las Candelas –NLM Adobe—Open	LC CC Regional (Rancho Mirage)	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	Regional (Rancho Mirage)	AD CC (am and pm) Regional (Rancho Mirage)
December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24
LC Swiss and Potluck Regional (Rancho Mirage)				AD C and Party		S Closed
December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31
			AD CC		LC B	

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

MEMBER APPRECIATION 2 STaC SINGLE SESSION UNIT GAMES AND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN UP SHEET

December 11, 2011

Play begins at 9:00AM

Please Note: the Open Game is at Adobe and the NLM Game is at Las Candelas

Continental Breakfast:

Light Breakfast and Coffee

Lunch Buffet:

Make your own Sandwich Buffet

Assorted Salads and Deserts

Coffee

You must pre-register by Monday December 5, 2011 by depositing this reservation slip along with cash or your check made out to **ACBL UNIT 356** in the box provided at your local club, or mail them to **Carolyn Reynolds, 160 S Irving Ave, Tucson, AZ 85711-3434**
Reservations received after December 5 will be processed on a space available basis.

The first session starts promptly at **9:00AM**.

**COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON (\$20.00 per pair)
\$15.00 PER PERSON FOR NON-ACBL MEMBERS (\$30.00 per pair)
Please note that these are STaC Games and Masterpoints are SILVER**

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Name/Player #'s _____

Name/Player #'s _____

Playing Open Game? _____ Playing NLM Game? _____

Stratification: A B C D E F (circle one):

Open Stratifications: A: 1501+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

NLM Stratifications: D 200-500(NLM), E 100-200, F 0-100

Do you **require** a N/S seating? Yes or No