

Unit 356



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# Desert Kibitzer



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February 2012

## February Events

### February 4th

GNT Qualifier - Team event  
(Saguaro B.C. in Green Valley)

### February 10th

Unit Wide Championship  
(Local Clubs)

### February 12th

Unit Game (Adobe)

### February 17th-20th

Sectional (Glendale)

### February 27th- March 4th

Old Pueblo Regional  
(Tucson - Holiday Inn)

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## Welcome New Members

T C Dittmann  
Vikie Hariton  
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District 17 Official Website: [www.d17acbl.org/](http://www.d17acbl.org/)  
Unit 356 Official website [www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com](http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com)

December Monthly Masterpoint Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

*Master Point Winners Under 1000*

(7.41) Jere Webb, (5.30) Elizabeth J Howe, (5.20) Valorie Ackerman  
(4.91) Sydney Kaye, (4.74) Eric Schulz

*Master Point Winners Over 1000*

(13.59) Kenneth Badertscher, (12.55) George Good, (12.49) B Robert Simrak  
(9.91) Lawrence Dev De Lucia, (9.63) Michael Levy

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

*Top Ten Master Point Winners*

(9.74) Allen Bowman, (8.71) Ted Walden, (8.27) Fran Herrmann, (7.82) Russ Stowers  
(6.75) Marty Allen, (6.40) Anne West, (6.32) Ken Grafton, (5.82) Ron Payne  
(5.61) Franz Schatz, (5.41) Butch Vuvunas

Las Candelas Bridge Club

*Master Point Winners Under 500*

(6.58) Bettina Thompson, (5.83) Ann Kuperberg, (4.54) Lee Erdman  
(4.19) Lanie Constable, (3.66) Barbie Corbett

*Master Point Winners 501-1500*

(12.85) Shatki Routh, (12.06) Ann Day, (8.72) David Chakmakian  
(8.72) Marty Chakmakian, (7.65) Walter Mann

Mountain View Bridge Club

*Top Master Point Winners Flight A*

(5.62) Bob Stotts, (5.06) Ed Anderson, (3.23) Dean Frost  
(2.75) Bob Brussel, (2.72) Michelle Werley

*Top Master Point Winners Flight B*

(4.33) Steven Sahl, (2.17) Elizabeth Henley, (2.17) Don Reil  
(1.94) Bob Murray, (1.31) Perry Jurgens

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

*Top Master Point Winners*

(6.84) Ted Walden, (6.55) Margret Salazar, (4.71) Fran Herrmann, (4.15) Bud Stein  
(4.01) Sue Sachs, (4.01) David Sachs, (3.19) Claire Genser, (3.06) JoAnn Day  
(3.06) Mary Jo Simunaci, (2.97) Ted Fones

Thunder Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club

*Top Master Point Winners*

(12.44) Paul Soper, (11.35) George Willis, (9.32) Marc R Hay, (7.92) Katy Vaughn  
(7.61) Larry Scott, (7.27) James Cobis, (6.38) Charles Comeau  
(5.30) Margaret Wilder, (5.17) Phyllis McKinley, (5.09) Judy Shelnutt

Over 70% Games

(81.00) Marjorie Dugas - Sully Frument; (72.25) Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser  
(71.76) Marty Allen - Paul Black; (71.30) Lee Larson - Noel Justus  
(70.83) Reggie Graves - Kathy Ball; (70.40) Bettina Thompson - Eileen Sherlock  
(70.06) Ray Austin - Fran Herrmann; (70.00) Katy Vaughn - Paul Soper

## **Las Candelas** *By Sunny Bal/Eric Swanson*

### Master Point Winners Open

(19.06) Jean Montague, (19.03) Don Cherry, (12.29) Dave Douglass  
(10.19) Helen Cherry, (9.44) Diana Humphreys

### 65% Games

(70.83) Reggie Graves - Kathy Ball; (70.40) Bettina Thompson - Eileen Sherlock (69.91)  
Adair Karlin - Jean Montague; (69.80) Larry Hudgeon - Shatki Routh  
(67.05) Walter Mann - Shatki Routh; (66.83) Om Piplani - Nona Dale  
(66.51) Jean Montague - Judd Jones; (66.51) Joann Aiken - Michele Werley  
(66.20) Larry Hudgeon - Shatki Routh; (65.50) Lee Erdman - Ann Day

Beginning Bridge Mondays starting February 6

9:30-11:30 6 weeks \$75 including text

Competitive Bidding Wednesdays starting February 8

9:30-11:30 6 weeks \$75 including text

Supervised Bid and Play every Tuesday year round 9-11

\$3 no partner needed, just show up, bid, play and learn

All classes taught by Barbara Rosenthal 331-9444 [barbarasunshine88@gmail.com](mailto:barbarasunshine88@gmail.com)

## **Saguaro** *By Doris Kuzmak*

### 65% Games

(68.29) Bill Hackbarth - Margret Salazar; (68.06) Margret Salazar - Bud Stein  
(65.96) Sue - Dave Sachs; (65.37) Ted Walden - Charlotte Brody

Check out the Special Events on the web page. [gvbridge.com](http://gvbridge.com) – click on the link to Saguaro- then Special Events.

Sign up for Grand National Teams Qualifying Game on February 4.

## **Green Valley** *By Allen Bowman*

### Top Games

(71.76) Marty Allen - Paul Black; (70.06) Ray Austin - Fran Herrmann  
(68.98) Warren Fuesz - Russ Stowers; (68.86) Franz Schatz - Ted Walden  
(68.59) Margie Salazar - Butch Vuvunas; (68.52) Nancy Fuesz - Butch Vuvunas  
(68.11) Al Bowman - Ron Payne; (68.06) Ken Grafton - Ted Walden  
(67.92) Fran Herrmann - Ernie Perkins; (67.82) Gene Vernon - Anne West  
(67.13) Paul Black - Russ Stowers; (66.51) Al Bowman - Ken Grafton  
(66.35) Bob - Mary Baptist; (66.03) Gail Meyer - Russ Stowers  
(65.87) Bill Hackbarth - Butch Vuvunas; (65.87) Mike Cregg - Benita Nelson

### **Mountain View** *By JoAnn Aiken*

Pairs with better than 65% games in December included:  
(68%) Feeley - Helpert; (67%) Frost - Sahl; (65%) Hagerty - Quigg

### **Tucson Charity Bridge** *By Ruth Houkom/Brian Gersten*

#### Top Games

(67.83) Douglas Austin - Jean Austin; (66.92) Art Ammann - Susan Ammann  
(64.24) Pat Knight - Jean Howell; (63.75) Joan Wallick - Ruth Houkom  
(62.94) Aphrodite Rubin - Phyllis Harris; (62.70) Ed Panelley - Ruth Panelley  
(62.30) Bill Roberts - Hurd Baruch; (62.08) Nadine Schacht - Gert Sherman

Our December charity was Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, now part of Literacy Connects. Our donation was \$755 which brings our total donations for the year to \$4,805. This month we are supporting Emerge! Please visit our website for details!

### **Thunder Mountain**

#### Games over 65%

(81.00) Marjorie Dugas - Sully Frument  
(70.00) Katy Vaughn - Paul Soper  
(66.67) Marc R Hay - Larry Scott

### **Adobe** *By Len Hall and Ann Hinge*

#### Games over 65%

(72.25) Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser; (71.30) Lee Larson - Noel Justus  
(69.00) Sarah Baumann - Stephen Pozez; (68.18) Ron Gagne - Pam Circuit  
(66.96) David Burks - Gary Howell; (66.67) David Burks - Irwin Rosman  
(66.35) Michael Levy - Jeffrey Lesser; (66.26) Louis Herbster - Phillis Herbster  
(66.19) George Good - Larry Dunham; (66.03) Kurt Anderson - Peggy Anderson  
(65.74) Jo-Ann Vaughn - Charlotte Weller; (65.38) Bill Roberts - Diane Frohling  
(65.15) Michael Levy - Kenneth Badertscher

The Adobe now has a Newcomer Game on Mondays, from 9:00 to 11:30. This is suitable for any of your friends who have played a little party bridge or taken a Beginning Bridge course.

There is a Junior Fund game on the Wednesday, February 1, and a Valentine

### Recent Rank Advances

#### New Junior Masters:

Sandra Cohen  
Dorothy Elliott  
Joyce Hagin  
Edith Hawkins  
Pamela Shoemaker  
Jeffrey Thompson  
Martin Zuckerman

#### New Club Masters:

Sheryal Atkins  
David Jaskar  
David Miller  
Betsy Morrow

#### New Sectional Masters:

Richard Naughton  
Jeanne Paul  
Cynthia Peters

#### New Regional Masters:

Keith Stearns

#### New NABC Masters:

Sue Gehret

#### New Life Masters:

Richard Quigg

#### New Bronze Life Masters:

Norma Hawkins  
Nancy Porterfield

#### New Gold Life Masters:

B Robert Simrak

## 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](mailto:tv1@cox.net).

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

Old Pueblo Regional  
Feb 27- Mar 4 (Holiday Inn)

NLM Sectional  
March 16-18 (Hotel Tucson)

Spring Sectional  
April 19-22 (Desert Diamond)

### *ELECTION NEWS*

The 2012 Board members are:

Newly elected/re-elected:

Marge Curvin (Past Board Member)  
Derek Graybill  
Joan Merrill (Past Board Member)  
Bill Schelstrate  
Lee Toomey (Past Board Member)

Continuing Members:

Barry Abrahams  
Adair Karlin  
Carolyn Reynolds  
Steve Reynolds  
Jo-Ann Vaughn

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*

Thank you to everyone for a great turnout at the Tucson Winter Sectional! This year, we had 126 tables as compared to 79 tables in the 199er section last year. I hope everyone had a great time!

The Tucson Old Pueblo Regional is February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup> at The Holiday Inn Palo Verde. Please note there is a New Player (I/N) Schedule for players under 200 points. For those seeking Gold points, Gold Rush Pairs on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> is a great opportunity. Gold points are awarded for a Section top, in either of the two sessions, or an overall ranking, after both sessions in the 300-750 Strata. Gold Points are also awarded to Section top in the Knockouts and Side Games. Please let me know if you need help finding a partner as soon as possible. Please see the flyer on our website or at your local club for further details.

What are Compact Knockout Teams? The usual match in a Knockout event runs for at least one full session. However, in a Compact event the matches are shortened so that two matches can be played in one session, with just four players per team. This makes it possible to determine a winner in a 16-team game in just two session (Quoted from ACBL website).

The Unit Game this month is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jhvaughn49@gmail.com)

See you at the table!  
Jo-Ann



# Unit Event Results

## Unit Game January 15

## Open Section (14 tables)

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Carolyn Reynolds - Steve Reynolds	1	
Nona Dale - Aaron Carnes	2	
Rita Smith - Naomi Smith	3	
Franz Schatz - Lorraine Vonk	4	
Joy Rieckers - Marian Wilson	5	
Rosemary Wade - Henry Williams	6	1
David Chakmakian - Marty Chakmakian		2
Pamela Thaut - Nadine Schacht		3
Sue Kennedy - Thomas Kennedy		4

## Unit Game January 15

## NLM Section (5.5 tables)

	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
Kay Stitzel - Duncan McDonald	1	1	1
Kermit Franzen - Seymour Einstein	2	2	
Jo-Ann Vaughn - Charlotte Weller	3	3	2
Jim Coe - Terry Coe	4	4	
James Johnson - Bob Ramsey			3



BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League

An Little White Lie  
by Brian Gunnell

On defense, sometimes a little white lie is necessary in order to point Partner in the right direction. No more clues, here's your problem:

♠ K86		
♥ KQ6		
♦ KQJT6		
♣ 76		
Dummy		♠ 9732
		♥ T982
West	East	♦ A8
South		♣ 843

**None Vulnerable**

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

You are sitting East, trying to beat 4♥. Partner leads the ♣A. Where can you find four defensive tricks? No doubt Declarer has the ♠A and the ♥A for that opening bid, so at first glance it may appear that the best the defense can do is to take its two Club tricks and the ♦A. Any ideas for an extra trick? OK, now that you've solved the problem, the full hand:

	♠ K86	
	♥ KQ6	
	♦ KQJT6	
	♣ 76	
♠ QJT5	Dummy	♠ 9732
♥ ---	West	♥ T982
♦ 7432	East	♦ A8
♣ AKT95	South	♣ 843
	♠ A4	
	♥ AJ7543	
	♦ 95	
	♣ QJ2	

That's right, at Trick 1 East false-cards with the ♣8, showing a doubleton! East's plan is to conjure up a trump trick out of thin air. Look what happens! West next cashes the ♣K, and East completes his fake high-low. Then West plays a third round of Clubs and who can blame Declarer for ruffing that trick high in Dummy? Obviously he doesn't want to get overruffed by East, and, anyway, squandering that high trump costs nothing if the trumps are 3-1 or 2-2. But they are 4-0, so East gets a trump trick and it's down one!

It was necessary to fool Partner as well as Declarer. If East had signaled honestly in Clubs, then, at Trick 3, West would no doubt have shifted to the ♠Q, hoping that East has the Ace and trying to grab a couple of Spade tricks before they disappear on the Diamonds.

Visit [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email [marketing@acbl.org](mailto:marketing@acbl.org)

## WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Adobe Bridge Club</b> (Leonard Hall Club Manager) <a href="mailto:adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net">adoblebridge@qwestoffice.net</a> 3727 E Blackledge - <b>795-2441</b> <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org">www.adobebridgeclub.org</a>	<b>1:00pm</b> Open	<b>9:00am</b> Newcomer (0-20)  <b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>9:00am</b> NLM <b>1:00pm</b> Open
<b>Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club</b> Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Al Bowman—Club Manager) <a href="mailto:albowmangv@cox.net">albowmangv@cox.net</a> <a href="http://gvbridge.com">gvbridge.com</a>		<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>			<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>	<b>1:00pm</b> Inv <b>Canoa</b>	
<b>High Desert Hands</b> (Carol Lee Erbeck, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:carol@crazyedoptical.com">carol@crazyedoptical.com</a> 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites - <b>559-7894</b>						<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>Las Candelas Bridge Club</b> (Sunny Bal, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com">contact@lascandelasbridgeclub.com</a> 401 E. Limberlost - <b>696-9101</b> <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/lascandelas">www.bridgewebs.com/lascandelas</a>		<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>9-11am</b> Bid and Play  <b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM	<b>12:30pm</b> Open & NLM <b>6:30p</b> Open	<b>12:30pm</b> Open	<b>10:00am</b> Open & NLM	
<b>Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager) <a href="mailto:jotax123@aol.com">jotax123@aol.com</a> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke - <b>818-1727</b> <a href="http://Mountainviewbridgeclub.com">Mountainviewbridgeclub.com</a>			<b>1:00pm</b>			<b>1:00pm</b>	
<b>Queen of Hearts Bridge Club 744-4212</b> (James Richhart, Manager)— <a href="mailto:richhart@comcast.net">richhart@comcast.net</a> On Dove Mountain Rd, 2.3 Mi North off Tangerine Rd					<b>9:00am</b> Seasonal		
<b>Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club</b> (Doris Kuzmak, Director/Manager) <a href="mailto:dldkay@cox.net">dldkay@cox.net</a> <b>625-4027 or 237-1959</b> —600 S La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church <a href="http://gvbridge.com">gvbridge.com</a>							<b>12:30pm</b> Open
<b>Thunder Mountain Bridge Club</b> Diana Smith, Mgr 803-9564 or 432-3883 608 E Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista <a href="http://www.sierravistabridge.com">www.sierravistabridge.com</a>		<b>12:30pm</b>		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	
<b>Tucson Charity Bridge</b> (Ruth Houkom, Club Manager) 5360 E Pima Street, Tucson <a href="mailto:info@tucsoncharitybridge.com">info@tucsoncharitybridge.com</a> OR <a href="http://www.tucsoncharitybridge.com">www.tucsoncharitybridge.com</a>		<b>5pm</b> NLM (Ventana)			<b>10:00am</b> NLM		

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE – February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
			<b>AD</b> Junior Fund			<b>GNT Qualifier</b> Team game Saguaro (G.V.)
February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11
<b>AD</b> CC			<b>LC</b> CC		<b>Unit Wide</b> <b>Championship</b> Local Clubs	
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
<b>Unit Game</b> Adobe		<b>AD</b> CC			<b>Sectional</b> (Glendale)	<b>Sectional</b> (Glendale)
February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25
<b>LC</b> Swiss <b>Sectional</b> (Glendale)	<b>Sectional</b> (Glendale)				<b>LC</b> B <b>AD</b> CC	
February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29			
	<b>Old Pueblo</b> <b>Regional in Tucson</b> (Holiday Inn)	<b>Old Pueblo</b> <b>Regional in Tucson</b> (Holiday Inn)	<b>Old Pueblo</b> <b>Regional in Tucson</b> (Holiday Inn)			

**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