

Unit 356



## Events

### January 4

**Pro/Am Swiss Team**  
(Las Candelas)

### January 8-11

**Sectional**  
(Holiday Inn)

### January 12-18

Sectional (Las Vegas)

### January 16

**Unit Wide Champ**  
(Local Clubs)

### January 17

**Progressive KO**  
(Adobe)

### January 18

**Unit Game 1:00pm**  
(Las Candelas)

### January 19-25

**Regional** (Albuquerque)

### January 31

**Int'l Fund Game**  
(Local Clubs)

### January 31

**GNT Qualifier\*\***

(Saguaro) 10:00am

\*\* Two session event

## Welcome New Members

Frank Hagerty  
Cynthia Rose  
and  
Gary Rose

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## Monthly Master Point Winners

### Adobe

#### **Under 1000**

(8.04) Carolyn Reynolds  
(6.70) Art Warrick  
(6.70) Shan Warrick  
(6.39) Angelo Cianciotto  
(4.91) Julia Sherman

#### **Over 1000**

(14.42) Marty Schiff  
(11.90) Mike Levy  
(10.77) Ken Badertscher  
(9.29) Lou Herbster  
(9.29) Phyllis Herbster

### Green Valley

#### **Top Ten**

(5.32) Greg Roth  
Ron Payne  
Russ Stowars  
Darlene Armacost  
Ray Austin  
Val Armentrout  
David Sachs

Sue Sachs

Kathleen Witham  
Margret Salazar (4.38)

### Las Candelas

#### **Under 500**

(3.95) Marian Conway  
(3.38) Reginald Graves  
(3.04) Rao Bollimpalli  
(2.77) Susan Johnstone  
(2.70) Diana McGinn

#### **500-1250**

(6.08) Wagner Van Vlack  
(5.44) Muriel Budzien  
(5.38) Jean Ramsey  
(4.74) Martie Mecom  
(4.73) Anne Roberts

### Mountain View

#### **Top Winners**

**A:** (4.98) Gene Depesa  
(4.98) Donna Depesa  
(4.60) Roy Aiken

**B:** (4.21) Steve Dorse  
(3.80) Ann Kuperber  
(3.25) Susan Haggerty

### Saguaro

#### **Top Winners**

(3.79) Frank Giuffreda  
(2.64) Joan Robertson  
(2.60) Ramona Bruce  
Sharon Demons  
Donna Pasley

### Thunder Mountain

#### **Top Ten**

Paul Soper (7.48)  
George Willis  
Shirley Cole  
Joyce Davis  
Jessie King  
Peggy Wilder  
Diana Smith  
Marc Hay  
Margarete Gallae  
Elaine Kiefer (3.13)

## Rank Advancements

**Junior Master:** Gillian Berger,  
Sherry Caldwell and Lonnie Duncan

**Club Master:** Chrissy Inglett,  
Adair Karlin, James Martin and  
Keith Stearns

**Sectional Master:** Russell Bright,  
Janet Parkes and Mary Simmon

**Life Master:** Mary Bonham

**Bronze Life Master:** Glenda Chambers

**Gold Life Master:** Catherine Collinson



## Top Games

(73.00) Katy Vaughn and Paul Soper  
(72.12) Marty Schiff and Mike Levy  
(71.82) Mary and Bob Baptist  
(71.63) Dane Lindenmuth and Randy Mandigo

## Adobe

By Barbarbra Rosenthal

### Best Games:

- (72.12) Marty Schiff—  
Mike Levy  
(71.63) Dane Lindenmuth—  
Randy Mandigo  
(68.63) Jeff Lesser—  
Mike Levy  
(65.77) Mel Norvelle—  
Joan Merrill  
(65.37) George Good—  
Greg West  
(65.06) Bob Simrak—  
Larry De Lucia

### Game Winners:

November 6: Food Bank

- Charity Game  
N/S: Marty Schiff—  
Mike Levy  
E/W: Nic Minenko—  
Syd Kaye  
November 18:  
Membership Game  
N/S: Jeff & Sheila Lesser  
E/W: Betsy Howe—  
Natalie Miller  
November 24: ACBL Wide  
Championship Game and  
Thanksgiving Party  
N/S: Betty Fine—  
Nancy Watts  
E/W: Mary Maxwell—  
Ken Badertscher

- November 28:  
Unit Wide Game  
N/S: Bob Simrak—  
George Good  
E/W: Mike Levy—  
Jeff Lesser

### Announcements:

Adobe's first Charity Game of the year will be held Tuesday, **January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tuesday, **January 13<sup>th</sup>** will be the day to celebrate January birthdays with our monthly cake celebration. Friday, **January 16<sup>th</sup>** will be The Unit Wide Championship. Saturday,

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** will be the first round of Progressive KO's at 1:00PM. Sunday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>** will be the Unit Game at Adobe. Adobe will be **closed Friday-Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>** for the Sectional at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde



## Green Valley

By Catherine Clark

### 65% Games:

Marc & Sandra Low  
Catherine Clark—  
Kathy Witham  
Benita Nelson—Mike Cregg  
Darlene & Rollie Armacost  
Bob & Mary Baptist  
Neville Dowe—  
Ted Fones  
David & Sue Sachs  
Al Bowman—  
Margret Salazar

### 49'er 65% Game:

Evelyn & George Klammer

### Club Championships:

Unit wide—A: N/S

1. Al Bowman—  
Margret Salazar

2. Rollie Armacost—  
Russ Stowars  
3. Jeannie & Scott Soule  
Unit Wide—A—E.W  
1. Jo Morrison—  
Ted Blomquist  
2. Darlene Armacost—  
Gail Meyer  
3. Linda Miller—  
Benita Nelson  
Unit Wide—B: N/S  
1. Shirley Spink—  
Pat McCoy  
2. Val Armentrout—  
Donna Pasley  
3. Neville Dowe—  
Ron Payne  
Unit Wide—B: E/W  
1. David & Sue Sachs

2. Carol & Tom Vind  
3/4. Bob Rolfson—  
Karen Eble  
3/4. Marilyn Wilson—  
Gene Vernon

### High score of month:

- (71.82) Bob & Mary Baptist  
(69.21) Darlene—  
Rollie Armacost  
(68.91) Catherine Clark—  
Kathy Witham  
(68.81) Marc & Sandra Low  
(68.52) David & Sue Sachs  
(67.59) Neville Dowe—  
Ted Fones



## Saguaro

By Doris Kuzmak

### Monthly High Games:

(66.67%) Ted Kurrus—  
Roy Mastic

### Announcements:

On **January 31, 2009** - Saguaro will host the Unit Grand National Teams Qualifying Game. This is a two session event, starting at 10:00AM. A light lunch will be provided. **THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR PAIRS GAME ON THIS DATE.**



## Las Candelas

By Mary Dixon

### Master Point Winners Over 1250:

- (6.45) Nona Dale  
(6.35) Diana Humphreys  
(5.45) Richard Friedman  
(4.27) Dave Douglass  
(3.37) Dick Augur

### 65% Games:

- (67.31) Loretta Wood—  
Barbara Feeley  
(67.00) Bob Mungova—  
Connie Putz  
(67.00) Dave Driggers—  
Susan Driggers,  
(66.67) Sunand Bal—  
Wagner Van Vlack,

- (66.44) Bob Brussel—  
Ed Helpert  
(66.03) Darlene Barstad—  
Marilyn Hanson  
(65.18) Joe Rosenbaum—  
Lionel Larriva

### Championships:

November 19—Open:

- (1) Avice Bosse—  
Dick Augur  
(2) Rica & Harvey Spivack  
(3) Diana McGinn—  
Jerry Paugh  
(4) Doug & Jo Fritz  
November 19—299'er:  
(1) Bob & Sandra Pagano  
Sandra Pagano

- (2) Art Palmer—  
Dave Caplan  
(3) Dale Hill—John Schocke  
(4) Bob & Carol Weber  
November 19—Evening:  
(1) Bob Mungovan—  
Connie Putz  
(2) Reggie Graves—  
Joe Rosenbaum  
(3) Liz Leggett- Ed Temp  
(4) Sharon & Garry Terrill

### Announcements:

We will be **CLOSED December 31<sup>st</sup>** for the Evening session and **OPEN December 31<sup>st</sup>** for the Open and 299'er sessions.

We'll be **OPEN** on New Year's Day. Club Championships will be Friday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** and Monday, **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Birthdays celebrated **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will have a Pro/Am Swiss-Sunday, **January 4<sup>th</sup>** and a Unit Wide Championship-Friday **January 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a Swiss Team game on the fourth Sunday of every month starting Sunday, **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Get your teams together and join us for a fun session of bridge.

## Mountain View By Ron Morris

### 60% Games:

JoAnn & Roy Aiken;  
Susan Hagerty & Carol Szympruch;  
Donna & Gene DePesa;  
Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser (twice).

### Announcements:

We will hold eight sessions in January with a Unit Wide Championship Game on **January 16th**. There will be no game on Friday, **January 9th** due to the Tucson Sectional.

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.

## Thunder Mountain By Chris Hasney

### High Scores:

(73%)Katy Vaughn and Paul Soper  
(69.90)George Willis and Paul Soper  
(69.40)Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith

### Masters of the Month:

Life Master of the month was Paul Soper  
Non-Life Master was Marc Hay

## Your 2009 Board

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Prudy Cain  
Betty Compton

Marge Curvin  
Christie McDougall  
Don O'Bryan  
Bob Simrak  
Brenda Sonderegger

## Unit Game

**December 14, 2008**

### **North/South—Section A**

1. Louis & Phillis Herbster
2. B Robert Simrak & George Good
3. Lorraine Vonk & Franz Schatz

### **East/West—Section A**

1. Jodi Walker & Margaret Koenig
2. Russell Stowers & Larry Dunham
3. David Stewart & William Schelstrate

### **North/South Section B**

1. Carolyn & Steve Reynolds
2. Sydney Kaye & Nicolai Minenko
3. Barry & Julie Abrahams

### **East West—Section B**

1. David & Sue Sachs
2. Ramona Bruce & Fran Herrmann
3. Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser

## Lessons By Barbara Feeley

A Cue Bid is an unnatural bid, that is a bid of a suit in which you do not hold any length. There are only a few specific situations in which a player would do such a thing. 1) A bid of opponent's suit is unnatural and asks partner to bid. This may be a strong hand with good support for two or three of the other suits, an intermediate level hand with support for partner, or, by partnership agreement, the cue bid may be used with a weaker hand holding two long suits. 2) After partners have agreed upon a suit, a bid of another suit may be simply to show the Ace of that suit. This usually happens when slam is being contemplated by at least one of the partners. 3) Another way to use the Cue bid is to suggest NT when each of the partners has suggested his own suit and the opponent has also named a suit. Certainly a bid of a suit bid by an opponent will cause all at the table to consider the possible meanings of such a bid and to take appropriate action. Bridge requires thinking and reasoning skills at the table as well as some study in preparation.

## Unit Wide Game

**November 28, 2008**

### **Flight A**

1. Michael Levy & Jeffrey Lesser
2. Allen Bowman & Margret Salazar
3. David & Sue Sachs

### **Flight B**

1. Jo Morrison & Ted Blomquist
2. Shirley Spink & Pat McCoy
3. Jacqueline Gillette & Gordon Forbes

### **Flight C**

1. Susan Hagerty & Carol Szympruch
2. Roberta Goldstei & Sheila Caterraccio
3. Marilyn Wilson & Gene Vernon

## Schedule Change

Bob Simrak's Tuesday's lesson is changed from The Adobe to Las Candelas starting in January

### DISTRICT 17 & UNIT 356 WEBSITES

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## WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adobe Bridge Club (Barbara Rosenthal, Club Manager) 3727 E Blackledge— <b>795-2441</b> <a href="http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/">http://www.adobebridgeclub.org/</a>	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>12:30p</b>	<b>12:30p</b> Open and 0-999	<b>12:30p</b> Open and Novice	<b>12:30p</b> Open and NLM	<b>12:30p</b>	<b>9:00a</b> NLM <b>1:00p</b>
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Catherine Clark, Manager)— <b>648-1781</b> <a href="http://members.cox.net/gvbridge">members.cox.net/gvbridge</a>		<b>1:00p</b> Inv West			<b>6:30p</b> Inv Canoa	<b>1:00p</b> Inv West	
High Desert Hands 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager)— <b>559-7894</b> <a href="mailto:carol@crazyedoptical.com">carol@crazyedoptical.com</a>						<b>12:00p</b>	
<u>Las Candelas Bridge Club</u> (Sonny Bal, Manager)— <b>696-9101</b> 401 E. Limberlost <a href="http://www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com">www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com</a>	<b>1:00P</b> Swiss 4th Sun	<b>12:30p</b>	<b>12:30p</b> Open	<b>12:30p</b> Open & 299 <b>6:30p</b>	<b>12:30p</b> Open	<b>10:00a</b> Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)— <b>818-1727</b> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke <a href="http://Mountainviewbridgeclub.com">Mountainviewbridgeclub.com</a>			<b>1:00p</b>			<b>1:00p</b>	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club (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>						
Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club (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>12:30p</b> Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club 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>12:30p</b>		<b>12:30p</b>	<b>6:30p</b>	<b>12:30p</b>	

## SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE—January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				January 1	January 2	January 3
					<i>B &amp; CC LC</i>	
January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9	January 10
<i>Pro/Am Swiss</i> (Las Candelas)		<i>CG A</i>		<i>Sectional</i> (Holiday Inn)	<i>Sectional</i> (Holiday Inn) <i>Closed A MV</i>	<i>Sectional</i> (Holiday Inn) <i>Closed A</i>
January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17
<i>Sectional</i> (Holiday Inn) <i>Closed A</i>	<i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)	<i>B A</i> <i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)	<i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)	<i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)	<i>Unit Wide Champ</i> (Local Clubs) <i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)	<i>Progressive KO</i> (Adobe) <i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)
January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24
<i>Unit Game</i> (Las Candelas) 1:00PM <i>Sectional</i> (Las Vegas)	<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)	<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)	<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)	<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)	<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)	<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)
January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31
<i>Regional</i> (Albuquerque)	<i>CC LC</i>					<i>GNT Qualifier</i> (Saguaro) 10AM <i>Int'l Fund</i> <i>Game</i>

**Abbreviations:** A—Adobe, LC—Las Candelas, MV—Mountain View, OH—Queen of Hearts, S—Saguaro, TM—Thunder Mountain  
 B—Birthdays, CAC—Club Appreciation Championship, CC—Club Championship, CG—Charity Game, MAG—Member Appreciation  
 Game, NLM—Non Life Master, IN—Intermediate/Novice, UWC—Unit Wide Championship