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Unit 356



November 2008

This Months Events

November 2 Unit Game

(Las Candelas)
1:00PM

November 6-9

Sectional (Denver)

November 7-9

Sectional
(Albuquerque)

November 10-16

Regional

(Holiday Inn)

November 20-30

NABC (Boston)

November 24

**ACBL Charity
Game**

(Local Clubs)

November 28

Unit Wide Champ
(Local Clubs)

Many people have asked for the Desert Kibitzer to be sent to them via e-mail.

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**SouthernArizona
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Monthly Master Point Winners

Adobe Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 1000

(7.13) Carol Pilmar; (6.54) Mike Smith; (6.33) Barbara Rosenthal; (5.70) Jerry Joffe ; (5.06) Joel Hessel

Master Point Winners Over 1000

(15.86) Martin Schiff; (14.35) Larry Dunham; (13.27) Mike Levy; (13.04) Bob Simrak; (11.39) Percy Brown

Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Ten Master Point Winners

Sue and David Sachs (8.49), Vince Fragomeni, Ted Fones, Richard Grannis, Frank Giuffreda, Greg Roth, George Schild, Ray Austin, Warren Fuesz (5.41)

Las Candelas Bridge Club

Master Point Winners Under 500

(6.08) Jacqueline Gillette, (4.93) Joe Rosenbaum, (4.50) Del Rieschick, (4.28) Marian Conway, (4.26) Peggy Rosenblum

Master Point Winners 500—1000

(12.01) Wagner Van Vlack, (9.98) Karen Swanberg, (8.23) Marian Wilson, (7.09) Kathy Ball, (5.30) Ray Call

Mountain View Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(4.30) Darwin Afdahl; (3.82) Dean Frost; (4.30) Kay Afdahl; (3.60) Vicki Hanson; (3.93) Roy Aiken; (2.14) Betty Edwards

Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

(4.32) Joanne Franson; (3.34) Ramona Bruce; (3.02) Martha Tompkins; (3.01) Charles Comeau

Thunder Mountain Bridge Club

Top Master Point Winners

Don Hard (9.21), Paul Soper, Katy Vaughn, Judy Shelnut, Jessie King, Marc Hay, Donna Anderson, Chris Hasney, Edna Parnell, and Margarete Gallaer (4.01)



Special Congratulations

Top Percentage Games for the Month

(75.04) Fran Hermann & Ramona Bruce (73.15) Sue and Dave Sachs; (72.60) George Good & Greg West; (72.00) Greg West & Paul Shalita; (70.54) Frank Giuffreda & Warren Fuesz; (70.18) Al Bowman & Ron Payne; (70.10) Judy Shelnut & Don Hard

Great Chief's Regional Reminder

Don't forget **November 10th thru the 16th** is our **Great Chiefs Regional** at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde. On a special note, we will be having as one of our guest speakers, **Mike Passell**. He is the leading living master point holder in the world with 61,000 points. We will have many other great Bridge Players to grace our speakers podium. We hope to see all of you there.



Adobe Bridge Club
By Barbarbra Rosenthal

65% Games: (72.60) George Good/Greg West; (69.16) Carol Pilmar/Ken Badertscher; (68.98) Jerry Joffe/Stan Behr; (68.97) Percy Brown/Ann Day; (68.18) Eric and Susan Singer; (67.59) Mike Levy/Ken Badertscher; (67.47) John Antliff/Pery Brown; (67.08) Marty Schiff/Mike Levy; (67.07) Bob Simrak/Larry Dunham; (66.23) Linda Lineberry/Larry De Lucia and (66.06) Jeff Lesser/Mike Levy

Special Games Winners:

Membership Game-September 5th: N/S Mike Levy/Marty Schiff; E/W Cam Mette/Barbara Rosenthal. Charity Game-September 24th: N/S Rita Smith/Naomi Smith; E/W George Good/Larry Dunham

Announcements: For NLM's who want to learn more about bidding and play, there is a supervised play at the club held every Friday from 9:00AM-11:00AM conducted by Dev De Lucia. No reservations are needed. It is \$3 to play and learn. In November the Adobe will be having a Charity Game on Thursday **November 6th** and a Membership Game on Tuesday, **November 18th**. We will have a Thanksgiving Party on Monday, **November 24th** and a Unit Wide championship on Friday, **November 28th**.

A very special **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful mentors who have agreed to play with our NLM once a month.

"One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts."
Alfred Scheinwold



Saguaro Duplicate Bridge Club
By Doris Kuzmak

Congratulations:

to Fran Herrmann and Ramona Bruce for a big 75.04% game on September 6, 2008!!!



Las Candelas Bridge Club
By Mary Dixon

Master Point Winners Over1000:

(10.86) Dave Douglass, (8.69) Doug Fritz, (7.87) Eric Swanson, (7.50) Mary Dixon, (7.14) Don O'Bryan

65% Games: (66.63) Dave Douglass-Doug Fritz, (66.15) Eric Swanson-Wagner Van Vlack, (65.97) Jean Montague-Dave Douglass, (65.87) Shakti Routh-Wagner Van Vlack, (65.85) Sunand Bal-Wagner Van Vlack, (65.74) Jo Fritz-Doug Fritz, (65.70) Jan Rieschick-Del Reischick, (65.58) Franz Schatz-Eric Swanson, (65.50) Diana Humphreys-Mary Dixon, (65.28) Jo Fritz-Doug Fritz, (65.19) Marion Cosand-Larry Dunham, (65.06) Angelo Cianciatto-Walt Mann

Club Championships: September 9; (1) Diana Humphreys-Mary Dixon, (2) Dave Chakmakian-Marty Chakmakian, (3) Jim Richhart-Don O'Bryan, (4) Eric Swanson - Ann Day. September 25; (1) Doug Fritz-Dave Douglass, (2/3) Marian Wilson-Don O'Bryan; Jean Montague-Mary Dixon, (4) Tony Dare-Irma Ashley.

Announcements: Las Candelas announces a new program to assist beginning and intermediate players. Experienced players will be available to provide Q & A daily on any bridge subjects before & after the games. The program is designed to provide advice to inquiring players. Special emphasis will be made at Wednesdays 299er and Thursdays open games through the use of hand records. On Thursday, **November 6th**, we are having "Welcome Back Snowbirds" pot luck before the 12:30 game. The club will provide chicken. Please bring a dish to share. Birthday will be on Friday - **November 7th**. Club Championships will be held Wednesday, **November 19th**, Open, 299'er and Evening games. We will be open Monday, **November 10th**. We will be closed the rest of the week for the Regional. We will be open on Thanksgiving Day, **November 27th**. Pie will be served - please sign up in advance. Starting in **January, 2009**, we will have monthly Swiss Team Games on Sunday afternoons. Specific Sundays will be announced each month.



Thunder Mountain Bridge Club
By Chris Hasney

Masters of the Month: Life Master for the month was Paul Soper (9.12)
Non Life Master for the month was Marc Hay (5.13)

Big games: Judy Shelnutt and Don Hard (70.10 and 66.40), Gale Peck and Kaye Dean (68.80), Katy Vaughn and Paul Soper (68.00), Donna Anderson and Shirley Cole (66.40), Peggy Wilder and Diana Smith (65.40), Elaine Keifer and Gale Peck (65.3), and 1/2 time Tucsonan Barbara Stone and Don Hard (65.30)

Club Championships: Judy Shelnutt and Don Hard (Monday and Friday games) and Katy Vaughn and Paul Soper (Wednesday and Thursday games). This is the first time in my memory that two partnerships won two each!



Green Valley Bridge Club
By Catherine Clark

65% Games: Ted Fones - Val Armentrout; Al Bowman - Ron Payne; Sue and David Sachs (3); Ted Fones - Franz Schatz. **49er's** Jayne Weldon - Lois Nottingham.

High score of month: (70.18) Al Bowman - Ron Payne; (73.15) Sue and Dave Sachs; (70.54) Frank Giuffreda - Warren Fuesz

Club Championship: Membership game: 1. Sue - Dave Sachs; 2. Greg Roth - Dick Grannis; 3. Ted Fones - Vince Fragomeni. Club Championship: 1. Frank Giuffreda - Warren Fuesz; 2/3: Bob Wharton - Benita Nelson; Ramona Bruce - Ray Austin. 49'er's North American 49er pairs: 5 Sept: 1. Darlene Notti - Nancy Myers; 2. Ruth Arnold - Joyce Wasson; 3. Mary - John Ziegelbauer
12 September: 1. Barbara Olson - Nancy Myers; 2. John Burgeson - Jim Merriman; 3. Jayne Weldon - Lois Nottingham
Club Championship: 1. Jayne Weldon - Lois Nottingham 2. Dorothy - Vern Ebert 3. Ruth Arnold - Barbara Servatka



Mountain View Bridge Club
By Ron Morris

60% Games: Roy Aiken & Barbara Feeley; Donna DePesa & Gene DePesa (3 times); Midge Miller & Ronald Morris; Darwin Afdahl & Kay Afdahl (3 times); Roy Aiken & Gene DePesa; Sheila Caterraccio & Ann Hinge; Barbara Feeley & Jo Ann Aiken; Jeffrey Lesser & Sheila Lesser (2 times); Vicki Hanson & Dean Frost; Blanche Waldstreicher & Robert Brussel; Roy Aiken & Marie Heald; Clarence Mette & Barbara Feeley. In addition, Greg West & Paul Shalita had a 72% game!

Announcements: November will be Membership Appreciation Month. We will hold six sessions in November with a Unit Wide Championship on the **28th** and Membership Appreciation Games on the **7th** and the **25th**. The club will be **closed** on the **11th** and the **14th**. We conduct duplicate bridge games on Tuesday and Friday of each week in the DesertView Center at 1:00 PM. The games are open to all. If you do not have a partner, phone Barbara Feeley 825-6837, or JoAnn Aiken 818-1727, and we will try to locate a playing partner for you.

Unit Game Results
October 12th — (18 Tables)

Flight A—Overall

1. Betty Fine - Diana Humphreys
2. Naomi Smith - Jurgen Kruse
3. Nona Dale - Eric Swanson

Flight B—Overall

1. Prudence Cain - Tom Cain
2. Barbara Feeley - Jo Ann Aiken
3. Gene Hendricks - Marilyn Hendricks

Flight C—Overall

1. Stephanie L Parks - Floyd McKinsey
2. Dave Driggers - Susan Driggers
3. Lillian Mahvi - Anne West

Welcome New Members

Lynda Eckebrecht; Sydney Skeels; and Irene Sullivan



Congratulations On The Recent Rank Advances



Junior Master: Janet Andrews; Sandra Argubright; Gary Howell; David Lloyd; Rudolf Martinez and Robert Murray

Club Master: Louis Akerman; Jean Austin; Ila Lucas and Connie Putz

Sectional Master: Sheila Caterraccio; Donald Lieberman and Howard Morrow

Regional Master: Alicia Anderson and Pamela Thaut

NABC Master: Jeffrey Blake; Bev Nebbia; Linda Newmark; Sanford Newmark and Paul Yantz

Life Master: Barbara Dever; Richard Grannis; Evonne Ravitz and Greg Roth

Bronze Life Master: Richard Grannis and James Richhart

Silver Life Master: Marie Heald and Rita Smith

Barbara's Lesson—By Barbara Feeley

A Harsh Penalty -- Revoke

One of the basic rules of bridge is that each player must follow suit if possible. If someone does not follow suit, the declarer makes judgments that might be incorrect about how to play the hand. So, even if you do not win the trick on which you failed to follow, there will still be a penalty of one trick if your side takes a trick later on. The only way your side is not penalized is if you do not win any tricks from that point forward. And if you win the trick (by trumping, for example, when you should have followed suit), the penalty will be two tricks if you take one trick later on. Neither your opponents nor the director delight in penalizing any player. It's just the way we encourage everyone to follow the rules. If you discover that you made the error of not following suit, and the following trick has not been started, it is best to stop the play at that point, call the director, and indicate that you just realized that you failed to follow. The penalty now is for an exposed card and is not as severe a penalty as for a revoke. After the next trick has been started, it is not necessary to call attention to your own (or partner's) revoke. Wait for the opponents to do so, and gracefully accept your penalty. If opponents did not notice, then they weren't paying attention, so you do not need to ask for the penalty. Try to pay attention, have your cards sorted and know what was led -- and always follow suit. If your partner does not follow, you may ask partner to verify his/her void -- this might prevent the harsh penalty of the revoke.

Happy Birthday to our
November Friends

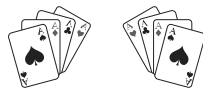
Astrological Signs—Scorpio
and Sagittarius

Birthstone—Citrine

*“Growing old is like being
increasingly penalized for a crime
you have not committed.”*

- Anthony Powell

99 Chances to play bridge in
Southern Arizona



Life Master Requirement Changes

As of January 1, 2010, if you have not joined ACBL or do not maintain you dues current, you will need **500** master points to become a **Life Master**. Requirements will be 50 gold, 50 red/gold, 75 silver and 75 black. The old requirements will stay in effect for all members that stay current on their dues.

Bridge Tip of the Month.

When you are the first to

lead, record the contract

AFTER you make the

lead. If you are dummy,

place your cards on the

table BEFORE you record

the contract.

Help Needed

Betty Compton is looking for people to help her part time at the partnership desk for the Regional in November. If you are willing to help, please contact her at (520) 318-4546 or Compcat@copper.net. You may also contact Ginny Alexander at (520) 825-2853 or Chasvirga@att.net.

DISTRICT 17 & UNIT 356 WEBSITES

<http://district17news.com> - Schedules for District 17 Regionals, Sectionals & Events

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

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WEEKLY CLUB SCHEDULES

Club	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Adobe Bridge Club (Barbara Rosenthal, Club Manager) 3727 E. Blackledge— <u>795-2441</u> www.adobebridgeclub.org	1:00p	12:30p	12:30p Open and 0-999	12:30p Open and Novice	12:30p Open and NLM	12:30p	9:00a NLM 1:00p Open
Green Valley Duplicate Bridge Club Games Open to Members and Guests Only (Catherine Clark, Manager)— <u>648-1781</u> members.cox.net/gvbridge		1:00p Inv West			6:30p Inv Canoa	1:00p Inv West	
High Desert Hands 1270 Treasure Road, Sunsites (Carol Lee Erbeck—Club Manager) <u>559-7894</u> carol@crazyedoptical.com						12:00p	
Las Candelas Bridge Club (Sonny Bal, Manager)— <u>696-9101</u> 401 E. Limberlost www.lascandelasbridgeclub.com		12:30p	12:30p Open	12:30p 299'r & Open 6:30p Open	12:30p Open	10:00a Open	
Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club (Jo Ann Aiken, Club Manager)— <u>818-1727</u> 38759 Mountain View Blvd, Saddlebrooke Mountainviewbridgeclub.com			1:00p			1:00p	
Queen of Hearts Bridge Club (James Richhart, Manager)— <u>744-4212</u> 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) <u>625-4027 or 237-1959</u> 600 S. La Canada, Green Valley, Parish Hall at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church — dldkay@cox.net							12:30p Open
Thunder Mountain Bridge Club 608 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista <u>803-9564 or 432-3883</u> dhard@cox.net		12:30p		12:30p	6:30p	12:30p	

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QH — Queen of Hearts, S — Saguaro, TM — Thunder Mountain
B— Birthdays CAC— Club Appreciation Championship, CG— Charity Game,
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NLM— Non Life Master, UWC— Unit Wide Championship

Special Events Calendar



November 2008



(Aviation History Month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Unit Game (Las Candelas) 1:00pm	3	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day	6 Pot Luck LC CG A Sectional (Denver)	7 B LC MAG MV Sectional (Denver) Sectional (Albuquerque)	8 Sectional (Denver) Sectional (Albuquerque) Dunce Day
9 Sectional (Denver) Sectional (Albuquerque)	10 Regional (Holiday Inn)	11 Regional (Holiday Inn)	12 Regional (Holiday Inn)	13 Regional (Holiday Inn) Sadie Hawkins Day	14 Regional (Holiday Inn)	15 Regional (Holiday Inn)
16 Regional (Holiday Inn)	17 World Peace Day	18 MAG A	19 CC LC	20 NABC (Boston) Universal Children's Day	21 NABC (Boston)	22 NABC (Boston)
23 NABC (Boston) Eat a Cranberry Day	24 CG (Local Clubs) Party A NABC	25 MAG MV NABC (Boston)	26 NABC (Boston)	27 Pie LC NABC (Boston) Thanksgiving Day	28 UWC (Local Clubs) NABC (Boston)	29 NABC (Boston)
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