

UNIT 487
OUR BRIDGE TO YOU

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PLAYER, TEACHER, DIRECTOR-SHE'S the ACE of ACES

What could be more satisfying than playing the game? If you ask Irene Pickett, it's teaching the game. Irene is a Life Master who plays several times a week, the only diversion being when she's giving bridge lessons, taking piano lessons or cooking a gourmet meal.

Born in Boston in 1946, she moved to Newberg in 1958, married Bob Fortune in 1967 and had three children, Jodie, Nicole, and Brian. They owned Fortune's Beer & Wine Dist. in Dundee for many years.

In 1991, Irene married Randy Pickett, an attorney in Portland, who had two children, Jeff and Kim. They met at the Honolulu Nationals. She and Randy play regularly in National tournaments, and are looking forward to the fall Nationals in San Francisco. They have seven grand children and run "Grandma and Bubba" summer camp for them.

Irene got interested in bridge 35 years ago when she and her sister-in-law, Bonni, read a book "Learning to Play Bridge in 8 Lessons". After seven lessons, they set out to play duplicate. Irene set her goal to become a Life Master in three years, which she did.

Irene and Randy have traveled all over Europe, India, and Turkey. The highlight of her bridge career was playing in the Third European Open Bridge Championship in Antalya, Turkey in 2007 where she played on the Turkish team, and also played Women's Pairs with her good friend, Tuba Unlu. "We needed an interpreter" but had a good time.

A major highlight of the Pickett's travels was going to Rotterdam and Warsaw for the premiere showing of their son, Jeff's movie, "The Highjacker", a story about the infamous D.B. Cooper.

Irene especially likes teaching. "I love my Wednesday class" she said. "I call my students 'my chicks', I guess that makes me the 'mother hen'.

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

OBTY is published on the first of August, October, December, February, April, and June. Submissions should be in by the 20th of the previous month.

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Our website has Club info, results, board members and minutes, how to get nametags, and more. Maintained by Larry Sullivan.

New Unit Members

Marie-Jose Corden

Martyn J Corden

Elizabeth C Hopkins

Louise Lauman

Ronald D Nurss

Georgia L Spencer

Deanne L Takasumi

Election Party at the Ace was a huge success!!

Thirty tables showed up for the first session and a great time was had by all the new partnerships. Note for next year: TWO non-playing directors will be hired. Outgoing President Judy Kay was honored with a donation to the Oregon Food Bank. Everyone also thanked Mary Cornelius for her three years of service on the Board. Mini McKenney medallions and Ace of Clubs certificates were passed out and the two new Board members were announced – they are Nancy Jonske and Bill Fry.

Delicious pork tenderloins were prepared by Donna Braniff and scrumptious side dishes and desserts were provided by the members. Thanks to all the staff at the Ace for hosting a great event!

The second session had record breaking attendance with twenty tables. The Election Party is the Board's way of saying "thank you" to our members and we were thrilled with the excellent turnout.

Ralph Jones - President

Marie Pinch - Vice President

Barbara Pyles Caddy Master & Partnerships

Brian Thomas - Secretary

Chris Gibson - Treasurer

Education - Nancy Jonske & Bill Fry

Hospitality Chair - Marie Pinch

Hospitality - Ralph Jones & Chris Gibson

OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL, Vancouver, WA, Feb 20-26, 2012

Total masterpoints: 8780.39 earned by 895 players.

Total attendance: 1559 tables.

1	105.08	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
3	81.55	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
5	77.91	Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
6	72.88	John Lusky, Portland OR
7	72.88	Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR
8	65.88	Randy Pickett, Portland OR
9	65.88	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR
10	63.50	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
11	61.32	Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
13	54.44	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
15	51.43	Don Tofte, Portland OR
19	49.31	Ron Frazier, Clackamas OR
20	46.46	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
22	40.46	Betty Rossmann, Portland OR
23	39.51	Ed Ulman, Portland OR
24	38.90	Richard Carle, Longview WA
25	38.27	Stu Swan, Portland OR
26	37.95	Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR
27	37.02	Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
31	35.28	Ross Rainwater, Vancouver WA
34	34.16	Mary Ruth Di Carlo, Portland OR
37	33.64	Mary Lou Moriarty, Portland OR
38	33.64	Marc Franklin, Portland OR
40	33.07	Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA
43	32.85	Dave Slegel, The Dalles OR
44	32.09	Irene Pickett, Portland OR

HEART OF THE VALLEY, Albany, OR, Mar 16-18, 2012

Total masterpoints: 653.96 earned by 204 players.

Total attendance: 192 tables.

1	24.19	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
2	21.30	G Gard Hays, Veradale WA
3	18.81	David Starratt, Yakima WA
4	16.44	Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
5	16.44	Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
6	15.92	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
7	11.93	Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA
8	11.93	Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA
9	11.45	David Finley, Albany OR
10	10.75	Teresa Ozias, Dallas OR
11	10.75	Shain Oleson, Salem OR
12	10.75	Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR
13	10.75	Dick Mc Cluer, Vancouver WA
14	10.74	Joyce Dickerson, Corvallis OR
15	10.73	John Yadon, Gresham OR
16	10.23	Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR
17	10.23	Frances Gates, Waldport OR
18	9.33	Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
19	8.11	Steve Larsen, la Pine OR
20	7.80	Charles Rethlefsen, Corvallis OR

Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

<u>0 to 5 Masterpoint Race</u>		<u>5000 to 7500 Masterpoint Race</u>	
Edward Celnicker	3.35	Roger McNay	20.71
Phyllis Sutter	2.54	Bill Hardy	16.95
Judith Abujaber	2.43	Diane Cullen	13.61
<u>5 to 20 Masterpoint Race</u>		<u>7500 to 10,000 Masterpoint Race</u>	
Nancy Hogarth	5.05	Ethel Birnbach	9.26
Fran Allen	3.98	Stu Swan	2.06
Edie Leo	3.95		
<u>20 to 50 Masterpoint Race</u>		<u>Over 10,000 Masterpoint Race</u>	
Susan Crawford	13.27	Betty Rossmann	2.24
Susanne Penkin	4.82		
Patty McIntosh	4.69		
<u>50 to 100 Masterpoint Race</u>		New Junior Masters (5 MP)	
Gene Hval	7.11	Brad L Hanna	
Wendy Mednick	4.95	Jeanette M Hanna	
Hank Schouten	4.05	New Club Masters (20 MP)	
		Sally A Floberg	
		Kathi Marcus	
		Martha Maroney	
		New Sectional Masters (50 MP)	
		Sue A Randall	
		Linda E Rountree	
		New Regional Masters (100 MP)	
		Margaret A Brom	
		Joe Rivlin	
		New NABC Masters (200 MP)	
		Betsy A McCormick	
		Judy B Mundt	
		Ronald L Mundt	
		Bruce Peterson	
		New Life Masters (300 MP)	
		Joan M Borberg	
		Carol S Kilmer	
		Maxine F McComas	
		New Bronze Life Masters (500 MP)	
		Tina Isaacson	
		Jay Kurzet	
<u>100 to 200 Masterpoint Race</u>			
Jonathan Bean	8.40		
David Tufts	7.15		
Guy Woods	6.88		
<u>200 to 300 Masterpoint Race</u>			
Barbara Pyles	9.77		
Cece Knowles	6.40		
Sallie Kaiser	4.40		
<u>300 to 500 Masterpoint Race</u>			
Bolek Brant	11.10		
Dorothy Guimont	10.52		
Judy Davis	10.23		
<u>500 to 1000 Masterpoint Race</u>			
Jerold Wershba	20.34		
Brian Thomas	14.33		
Patty Sands	13.24		
<u>1000 to 2500 Masterpoint Race</u>			
Cynthia Sinn	17.88		
Robert Law	17.44		
Bill Lawrence	16.37		
<u>2500 to 5000 Masterpoint Race</u>			
Court Smith	24.77		
Ann Stark	23.93		
Judy Kay	18.03		