

Unit 487

OUR BRIDGE TO YOU

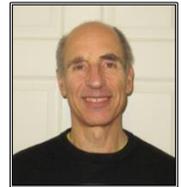
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Player Profiles – Candidates for Your 2016 Unit Board

Unit 487, part of District 20 of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), serves members who live in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Its seven Board members, who serve overlapping three-year terms, work to promote competitive bridge by sponsoring sectional tournaments and educational outreach programs. Each year, the Unit replaces two or three retiring Board members with new ones. This year, George Crawford, Chuck Swartz, and Peter Hepokoski are retiring, and of the five candidates below, you may vote for up to one, two, or three, as you prefer. Ballots are available at all Unit-area sanctioned clubs. If you have voted already, thank you. If you haven't, here's your opportunity to *meet the candidates*.

Rick Prouser: I'm a New England native, in Portland over 25 years. I started playing bridge back in my twenties, gave it up for a while, then restarted after retiring in 2010. I spent my 40-year career mostly in the insurance sector, managing complex information technology projects and leading large teams. I would bring that experience to the Board, with the goal of **helping to make the game as enjoyable for everyone as it has been for me.**



Ron Root: I'm a native Portlander who started duplicate back in the early 1970s at the original Portland Bridge Club on Second and Stark. I played off and on until the late 1990s, then returned to the game in 2011 when I retired from Intel following a 45-year career in information technology. I hope to give back to this game I love by serving on the Unit Board and **using the management and organizational skills gleaned from my many years in business.**

Janet Linebarger: I am originally from Southern California but have lived in the Portland area since 1979. At times during my career I have worked in veterinary technology, including having cofounded the Oregon Paraveterinary Association, and today I work as a paramedical examiner. I discovered bridge in 2011, playing in the novice games at the Norse Hall. Being somewhat new to the game, **I would bring a valuable NLM perspective to the Board,** along with strong organizational and listening skills.



Nancy Swanson: I am a Midwesterner by birth and rearing, a Floridian for 40 years, and a Portlander since 2013. I learned party bridge in high school, but gave it up during a career spent largely on the road, in medical instrument sales and, later, real estate. I picked up duplicate after retirement in 2010 and was hooked from the start. I would bring to the Board strong organizational and detail skills and **a commitment to welcoming newcomers to this extraordinary game.**

Ray Robert: I took up bridge in the days of Goren and Sheinwold, learned 5-card majors in the 1980s, played off and on for many years, and play as much as I can now. That is limited, though, because I still work full time, in information technology. As a Board member **I would work with the Unit and the clubs to improve evening and weekend access to bridge,** not just for people like me, but also to make the game more welcoming to new players.



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FROM THE EDITOR

Special thanks to Irene Pickett, who recommended Dave Green and his family's work with a wonderful Sherwood charity for this issue's Member News. Also thanks to Sam Jones, our unofficial official Unit 487 photographer, for the festive portraits and group shots from the Portland Bridge Club and Vancouver Bridge Club holiday events.



IN THIS ISSUE

In this issue you'll learn about a new session of bridge classes for middle-school students and plans for a new roster, and enjoy pictorial memories from the 2015 Vancouver and PBC holiday events. You'll find complete results from the most recent STAC and area tournaments, top Unit 487 finishers in the 0-1000 Mini-McKenney contests, and an I/N column by Dick Morris on strategies for newer players seeking gold points. Also, note on our back page all the information you need to plan for the Election Party 2016. Between now and then, please vote.

FROM YOUR UNIT BOARD

At its January meeting, the Unit 487 Board of Directors discussed the upcoming election and election party, upcoming Portland sectionals, and this year's Battle of the Willamette. Board members also discussed how they could use email and the Unit website for more effective communications. The Board approved recommendations from Education Coordinator Nancy Jonske regarding a summer-school program at Catlin Gabel and agreed to ask members for information updates so that a new Roster can be published soon.

Because of her workload as District Tournament Director, Judy Davis announced her resignation from the Board effective this April, and Nancy Jonske was appointed to complete the remaining two years of Judy's term. Ginny Kopacz suggested that for more efficient decision-making the Board meet more frequently, a suggestion that will be considered at a future meeting.

The next meetings will take place Tuesday, February 9, and Tuesday, March 8; both starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Ace of Clubs.

MEMBER NEWS

If you play at the Ace of Clubs in December, you know the Giving Tree, where holiday gifts for children, shoes, clothing, bedding, and money appear thanks to your generosity and that of the Ace owners and other Ace players. It is thanks also to the dedication and hard work of Ace regular Dave Green, his daughter Meredith, wife Carol, and their team of volunteers who organize the Sherwood 4 Kids Sake Holiday Gift Drive. This past holiday season, over 300 children and teens from low-income Sherwood families saw their wishes come true, with each youngster receiving a large gift bag full of new warm clothing, shoes, and an amazing array of games and toys. Thank you to the Ace of Clubs, whose generous contributions help to make this holiday tradition possible.

COMING EVENTS

February: GNT Qualifiers at Ace of Clubs (2/11, 2/27), Portland Bridge Club (2/28), Vancouver Bridge Club (2/3, 2/12, 2/23)

Feb. 15-21: Oregon Trail Regional, Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver, Washington

Apr. 3: Unit 487 2016 Board Election Party, Ace of Clubs

THE NEXT GENERATION OF BRIDGE

Bridge classes for students at Catlin Gabel Middle School resume this month, and need volunteer instructors – you, perhaps?

Sponsored by Unit 487 and led by Nancy Jonske and Ginny Kopacz, these classes have run steadily since 2011, three sessions per school year, and for this session 16 students have enrolled. Share your love of the game with new players by signing up for one or more of these one-hour classes, each starting at noon, in this session or a future one. Contact Nancy at 503-203-1153 or NaElJo@aol.com.

ROSTER UPDATES: LET US KNOW

If you haven't yet picked up the most recent Unit 487 roster (directory), published in summer 2015, it's too late to get one, as the clubs are all out. To remedy the situation, the Unit will publish a new roster this summer, and so we are asking now for new information and updates.

If you recently joined ACBL and therefore were not included in last year's roster, make sure you're included in this one. Likewise, if you were in last year's roster but have a new phone number, address, or email, make sure that we know about it. You can provide new or updated information by visiting the ACBL website or emailing the Unit at pdxunit487@gmail.com. Don't delay!

Holiday Festivities 2015



Sue & Rich Carle



Mike Goffe



Tom Chambers &
Nancy Remple*



Garland & Jude Wilson



Ram Kashyap & Kent Livingston



Jeannie Bettis & Susan Taylor



Laverne Kittilson, Dick Morris
& Kathy Morris



Jeanette Hanna, Karen Stone,
Brad Hanna & Georgia Spencer

* NLM Champs, Battle of the Willamette, 2015

**2015 Holiday STAC
Western Conference
Dec 7-13 2015**

Monday Evening 749er Pairs
1C Ryan Porter, Mike Goffe

Tuesday Morning 749er Pairs
1 JoAnn Marks, Sally Lewis

Tuesday Evening Aux Pairs
2/3 Margi Redden, Janie Percy

Wednesday Evening Invitational Pairs
1 Sam Asai, Kevin Marnell
2 William Mauck, Rich Zier
3 Judy Brown, Rich Carle

Thursday Morning 499er Pairs
1 Chris & Tom Neilsen

Tuesday Morning 1499er Pairs
2 Kay Pankratz, William Strite

Friday Evening Open Pairs
3 Don Lowry, Dan Hoekstra

Friday Evening Invitational Pairs
1 Mary Cornelius, Clariner Boston

Friday Evening Aux Pairs
2 Mark Giovannozzi, Irwin Yablok

Sunday Afternoon 499er Pairs
1/2 Tom Chambers, Nancy Remple
1/2 Deanne Takasumi, Christina Demas
3/4 Stuart Director, Nely Johnson

Top Local Masterpoint Winners

15.61 Chris & Tom Neilsen	4.86 Mike Eyer
10.34 Roger McNay	4.84 Ira Grifel
8.71 Rick Soohoo	4.79 Felicia Wershba
8.65 Don Lowry	4.56 Nely Johnson
8.10 Layne Benben	4.52 Sally Lewis
8.09 Jerold Wershba	4.51 Bill Hardy
7.72 Gene Hval	4.51 Ron Senn
7.62 Dan Hoekstra	4.47 Wanda Burness
7.35 Janie Percy	4.47 Sharon Nordmark
7.10 Kathi Marcus	4.31 Mark Giovannozzi
5.91 Ann Stark	4.31 Irwin Yablok
5.89 Dwayne Brackhahn	4.28 Amy Casanova
5.73 William Strite	4.67 Dick McCluer
5.32 Mary Cornelius	4.23 JoAnn Marks
5.27 Court Smith	4.20 Kay Pankratz
5.24 Ruth Bendl	4.13 Ed Lee
4.93 Margi Redden	4.05 Clariner Boston

**Holiday Sectional
Dec 26-27, 2015
Portland Bridge Club**

A/X Pairs
1 Dave Brower, Linda Wiener
2 Lisa Fishman, Don Lowry
3 Ray Robert, Rick Prouser

BCD Pairs
1 Amy Casanova, Leslie Kelinson
3 Mary & Peter Hepokoski
1D Mike Amspacher, Elsie Chan

Handicap Stratified Swiss Teams
1 Ethel Birnbach, Roger McNay, Jon Bartlett, John Ashton
2 David Green, Ed Lee, Ray Robert, Mike Eyer
3 Ellie Hood, Don Weber, Bob Johnson, David Rosenstein
1B Laura Huss, Laura Beal, Judi Goldsmith, Renee Ferrera
1C Elsie Chan, Mike Amspacher, Alan Stewart, Rich Rodeman

Top Local Masterpoint Winners

14.43 Linda Wiener	6.03 Leslie Kelinson
14.43 Dave Brower	5.66 Mustahsan Farooqui
13.94 Ray Robert	5.66 Louise Kurzet
13.66 Lisa Fishman	5.54 Connie Coquillet
13.00 Ethel Birnbach	4.96 Mike Amspacher
12.50 Don Lowry	4.96 Elsie Chan
11.18 Jon Bartlett	4.80 Elinor Hood
10.39 Roger McNay	4.80 Don Weber
8.53 John Ashton	4.79 Mary Hovda
8.24 Amy Casanova	4.79 Beau Hovda
7.54 Rick Prouser	4.57 Rick Soohoo
7.45 David Rosenstein	4.38 Dan Hoekstra
6.91 Ron Frazier	4.33 Renee Ferrera
6.66 Robert Johnson	4.33 Laura Huss
6.40 Mike Eyer	4.17 Phyllis Sutter
6.40 Ed Lee	4.17 Janice Smith
6.40 David Green	



Correction: In OBTY December 2015, results from the Oregon Coast Regional Saturday Steelhead Gold Pairs listed the second- and third-place finishers, but not the pair in the No. 1 spot, Susan Hornung and Ed Arthur. OBTY congratulates Susan and Ed and regrets the error.

**Non-Life Master Sectional
January 9-10, 2016
Vancouver Bridge Club**

Saturday Morning Pairs

- 1 Nely Johnson, Stuart Director
- 2 Louis Beauchet, Bill Holloran
- 3 Terry Nagel, Judy Nevell

Saturday Afternoon Pairs

- 1 Louis Beauchet, Bill Holloran
- 2 James & Judy Scovil
- 3 Chris & Tom Neilsen

Sunday Swiss Teams

- 1 Elsie Chan, Mike Amspacher, Kevin Marnell, Louis Beauchet
- 3 Carol Hardwick

Top Local Masterpoint Winners

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 8.71 Louis Beauchet | 2.78 Terry Nagel |
| 6.10 Bill Holloran | 2.78 Judy Nevell |
| 4.01 Stuart Director | 2.61 Kevin Marnell |
| 4.01 Nely Johnson | 2.38 John Dove |
| 3.91 Mike Amspacher | 2.38 Elizabeth Fullerton |
| 3.91 Elsie Chan | 2.32 James & Judy Scovil |

**Portland Winter KO Sectional
Camp Withycombe, Clackamas
Jan. 29-31, 2016**

KO Bracket 1

- 1 Connie Coquillette, Hal Montgomery, Lisa Fishman, Stan Sather
- 2 Nancy Crawford, George Crawford, Cynthia Sinn, Dwayne Brackhahn

KO Bracket 2

- 1 Bill Fry, Mary & Peter Hepokoski, Inez Weiss
- 2 George & Nancy Crawford, Cynthia Sinn, Dwayne Brackhahn

Friday Evening Open Pairs

- 1 Rich Carle, Rick Soohoo
- 2 Bob Hormel, Jim Wheeler
- 3 Paul O'Brien, Stu Swan
- C1 Dan Grabski, Andrea Lim

Saturday Morning Open Pairs

- 1 Stu Swan, Hadi Allahverdian
- 2 Amy Casanova, Louis Beauchet
- 3 Rick Soohoo, Ron Frazier

Saturday Morning NLM Pairs

- 1 Zack Woodbury, Mike Goffe
- 2 Patricia Baham, Sandra Wilson
- 3 Joann Szeimies, Bev Walters

Saturday Morning 0-100 Pairs

- 1 Nely Johnson, Stuart Director
- 2 Patricia Shaddix, Claire Doherty
- 3 Mary Murphy, June Elliott

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- 1 Dena & Ron Senn
- 2 John Ashton, Matt Koltnow
- 3 Don Lowry, Chuck Swart
- 1C Louis Beauchet, Amy Casanova

Saturday Afternoon NLM Pairs

- 1 Donald & Patt McConnell
- 2 Zack Woodbury, Ryan Porter
- 3 Tom Chambers, Nancy Remple

Stratiflighted A/X Swiss

- 1 John Ashton, Jon Bartlett, Bob Johnson, Roger McNay
- 2 Chris Gibson, John Lusky, Chris Wiegand, Randy Pickett
- 3 Ian Kirk, Margi Redden
- 1X Chuck Swart, Ed Lee, Ray Robert, Rick Prouser

Stratiflighted B/C/D Swiss

- 1 Renee Ferrera, Mark Mackenzie, Laura Beal, Holly Hummel
- 2 Kevin Kacmarynski, Thomas McGuire, Krista Garver, Katherine Leonard
- 3 Kathi Marcus, Doug Jansen, Lynda Hirst, Gene Hval, Justin Beck

Swiss Teams NLM

- 1/2 Jim Carr, Judith Stewart, Jo-Anne Bowen, Kelly Hayes
- 1/2 George O'Leary, Nancy Remple, Nely Johnson, James Unterspan

Top Local Masterpoint Winners

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 21.55 John Ashton | 8.46 Ron Frazier |
| 16.58 Amy Casanova | 7.87 Margi Redden |
| 15.30 Louis Beauchet | 7.18 Renee Ferrera |
| 15.07 Roger McNay | 7.18 Holly Hummel |
| 14.88 Stu Swan | 7.12 Ian Kirk |
| 13.73 Rick Soohoo | 6.84 Tim Rilling |
| 13.55 Hal Montgomery | 6.84 Don Herring |
| 13.24 Hadi Allahverdian | 6.81 Ed Lee |
| 12.65 Bob Johnson | 6.55 Nancy Crawford |
| 12.65 Jon Bartlett | 6.55 George Crawford |
| 10.61 Chuck Swart | 6.55 Dwayne Brackhahn |
| 9.49 Randy Pickett | 6.55 Cynthia Sinn |
| 9.49 John Lusky | 6.50 Rich Carle |
| 9.49 Chris Gibson | 6.14 Don Lowry |
| 9.49 Chris Wiegand | 5.69 Judy Kay |
| 9.40 Ron Senn | 5.69 Alan Johnson |
| 9.40 Dena Senn | 5.32 Ray Robert |
| 8.90 Matt Koltnow | 5.14 Bob Hormel |
| 8.77 Lisa Fishman | 5.03 Bob Law |
| 8.77 Stan Sather | 5.03 Dave Castles |
| 8.77 Connie Coquillette | |

2015 Mini-McKenney Winners

Congratulations to all players who finished this contest among the top 20 in their category, defined according to a player's point count at the start of the year. The following players are the top three Unit 487 finishers in each of the eight under-1000-point categories*:

0-5 Kevin Marnell Louis Beauchet Margaret Matin	20-50 Deanna Birch Sally Lewis Janet Linebarger	100-200 Nancy Remple Tom Chambers Chris & Tom Neilsen	300-500 Nancy Swanson Layne Benben Gene Hval
5-20 Nely Johnson Stuart Director Barbara Bloch	50-100 Jan Clemmons Zack Woodbury Sally Miller	200-300 Ira Grifel Larry Liewer Amar Chopra	500-1000 Dawn Campbell Amy Casanova Rick Prouser

*Subject to adjustment for 2015 results reported in 2016. Final report available on the ACBL website after Feb. 6.

The I/N Crowd: GOING FOR THE GOLD by Dick Morris

From 2002 to 2004, when this newsletter was under the editorship of Jean Johannsen, Dick Morris wrote a popular column for intermediate and newer ("I/N") players known as The I/N Crowd. The advice he offered then is equally relevant today, so from time to time, OBTY will reprint those columns in their near-to-original form. This one, which originally appeared in the April/May 2003 issue of OBTY, should come in handy for I/N players hoping to earn gold points in the Oregon Trail Regional.

If you are a newer player, sooner or later you will want to venture into the world of tournaments. Obviously, your best chance to win tournament points is in a lower-stratified pairs game – a 49er, if there is one, a 99er, or a 199er. As you reach the intermediate level, though, you will want to begin accumulating the coveted gold points required for Life Master rankings. That requires playing in higher-level games, particularly in team games, both knockouts and Swiss, in regional contests.

So what is your best strategy for grabbing gold?

The very best chance for the intermediate player to obtain gold points is in bracketed knockout games. In this format, the bottom 16 teams with the fewest combined team masterpoints form the bracket you'll be playing in. (With fewer than 16 teams in the bracket, it would be a round-robin, and you may have to win only one of three matches to advance.) The point is, unlike in a Swiss team game, you'll play mostly against teams with similar masterpoint totals. Even better, after only two match wins you are guaranteed a tie for third/fourth and you get gold points. (Of course, if you place first or second you'll get even more gold points.)

While better than open pairs games, Swiss team games are typically less productive for intermediate players than bracketed knockouts. In the Swiss contests, your team might often play against teams with far more masterpoints. Even in "stratiflighted" Swiss games there are times you could be matched against teams with individual players holding up to 1500 masterpoints.

In sum, both the bracketed knockout and Swiss team games provide some restrictions to how far you have to "play up" to win points. The bracketed knockouts tend to match your team against teams with similar masterpoints. The stratiflighted Swiss team games put a lid of 1500 master points on a given team member, which is still better than the open pairs game, which can be unlimited. Therefore, when you decide to go for the gold in the next regional tournament, my recommendation is to play in the team events.

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 Connecting people... Creating memories

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**THE ART GILLIS MEMORIAL GAME AND PARTY IS
 FRIDAY, APRIL 8, GAME AT 7:00P.M.
 Bring your favorite side dish**

**We are OPEN Monday morning, February 16.
 We are closed Monday (evening) 2/15 through
 Sunday 2/21, for The Oregon Trail Regional**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE				CLUB SPECIALS			
HAND RECORDS PROVIDED FOR EVERY GAME							
Monday	10:30a.m.	Open	Irene Pickett	February 2	Tuesday	10:30a.m.	Open
	6:30p.m.	749er	Bill Hardy	February 6	Saturday	1:00p.m.	Open
				Oscar Wallace Memorial Game			
Tuesday	10:30a.m.	Open	Donna Braniff	March 3	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Open
	7:00p.m.	Open	Bill Hardy	March 5	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Open
Wednesday	10:00a.m.	199er	Irene Pickett	March 16	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	199er
				Lesson followed by supervised play at 11:00am			
Thursday	10:30a.m.	Open	Merlin Vilhauer	March 17	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Open
	10:30a.m.	499er	Merlin Vilhauer			10:30a.m.	499er
	7:00p.m.	Open	Pat Dennis	March 20	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	299er
Friday	10:30a.m.	Open	Donna Braniff	March 21	Monday	6:30 p.m.	749er
Saturday	1:00p.m.	Open	Donna Braniff	March 29	Tuesday	10:30a.m.	Open
Sunday	1:00p.m.	299er	Flo Savage				
HOLIDAY CLUB SPECIALS				GRAND NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFIER			
March 17	Thursday	10:30a.m	Open	February 11	Thursday	7:00p.m.	Open
We are serving a St. Patrick's Day lunch made by Marie Pinch, \$5. Grab your green clothing and help us celebrate with good food and bridge!				February 27	Saturday	1:00p.m.	Open
				Last Chance Qualifier			

CLUB NEWS

Our 25th Annual Oscar Wallace Trophy Game is on Saturday, February 6 at 1:00p.m. There will be a potluck before the game so bring your favorite side dish. This is a UNIT game, EXTRA points!

We are celebrating Valentine's Day with a MEMBERSHIP game, Sunday, February 14 at 10:30. We will provide Valentine's treats for you and your partner to enjoy. A membership game provides 100% sectionally rated black points for all ACBL paid members.

We will be **OPEN** Monday morning, February 15, for our regular game. Come in Monday morning for a practice session before you begin your road to gold! The Oregon Trail Regional begins Monday **evening**, February 15 and runs through February 21. We are closed during that time.

Monday morning February 29 is Leap Day, if you were born on that day we are offering you a free game.

Beginning Thursday, March 3, we are bringing back Souper Thursdays. Pat is making soup every Thursday evening served for \$3 at 6:30p.m., game at 7p.m.

We are Closed Sunday March 27 for Easter.

We have beginning bridge classes and continuing education classes beginning in April taught by Hal Montgomery. Please call the club for more information.

Portland Bridge Club

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Sandy Location

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Weekly Schedule

Sun*	2 pm	Open	TBD
Mon	11 am	Open	Doug Jansen
Tue	11 am	0–20 & 0–750	Chris Wiegand
Wed	11 am	Open	Chris Wiegand
Thu	11 am	Open	Mary Hovda
Fri	11 am	Open	Bill Fry
	7 pm**	Open & Mentor+Mentee	Amy Casanova

*Starts Mar. 27. **Open game moves to Sunday starting Mar. 27. Mini-lesson at 6:15 pm.

Last-Chance GNT Qualifier

Join us Sun., Feb. 28, 1 pm, to play in the last GNT qualifying game at the club.

Help Celebrate Our First Anniversary

On Sunday, Mar. 6, the Portland Bridge Club will complete its first full year in business, and Linda and Dave will host a party to mark the occasion. Catered meal served at 12 noon, PBC Awards announced, game to follow around 1 pm. The room holds only so many, so sign up early for this festive event, at the club or at our [website](#). \$20/person for meal+ game.

Visit Our New Website

Speaking of our website, have seen the new-and-improved version we launched in December? If not, please pay us a visit: portlandbridgeclub.com (no “/results” at end).

Newcomer Game (0–20) Growing

This game has grown considerably in recent months, so join us. Runs alongside our regular 0–750 game. Every Tuesday, 11 am – 2 pm. Come with or without a partner.

Coming in Late March: Sunday Bridge at PBC

If you had a tough time beating the traffic to get to our Friday-night Open game, here is some good news: Starting Mar. 27, that game will move to Sunday afternoon, 2 pm. Same great bridge, same great location, much better time. See you then!

Classes and Lessons

Lessons with Dave Brower: To schedule a one-on-one, at-the-table lesson contact

privatelesson@portlandbridgeclub.com.

Friday Night Mini-Lesson. Each Friday, 6:15 pm, prior to the Mentor+Mentee game. Free.

Special Games and Events

Tue	Feb 9	11 am	Club Championship (both 0–20 & 0–750 games)
Fri	Feb 12	11 am	Birthday Bash & Charity Club Championship
Tue–Sun	Feb 16–21	CLOSED for Oregon Trail Regional	
Fri	Feb 26	7 pm	Club Championship (Open and M+M games)
Sun	Feb 28	1 pm	GNT Qualifier
Sun	Mar 6	Noon	PBC First Anniversary Party + Game
Fri	Mar 10	11 am	Birthday Bash
Sun	Mar 27	2 pm	NEW Open Pairs Game

South Waterfront Location

Mirabella, Pennoyer Entrance
3550 SW Bond St
Portland, OR 97239
971.232.1318

Weekly Schedule

Mon	1 pm	Open	Chris Wiegand
Sat	1 pm	Open	Chris Wiegand
Sat	Feb 20	CLOSED for Regional	

Special Event: ACBL International Fund Game

Join us Sat., Feb. 6, at 1 pm, when players at clubs across North America will compete simultaneously while raising money to help deserving ACBL players attend international competitions. Cost: \$10 per player. First come, first seated, limited to 18 tables.

Lessons Continue at South Waterfront

Thursdays through Mar. 17 (except Feb. 18), 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, at Atwater Place, Amenities Room (one block southeast of the Mirabella). Cost: \$20/session or \$15/session with a 5-session punch card.

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB
6503 E. Mill Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, Washington 98661

SCHEDULE AND EVENTS: February – March 2016

DAY	TIME	TYPE	DIRECTOR
MONDAY	12:00 PM	Open	Ian Kirk
	6:30 PM	0-300 MP	Ian Kirk
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Open	Jan Yocom
	7:00 PM	Open	Ian Kirk
WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM	Open	Garland Wilson
	6:30 PM*	Mentored	Lynda Hirst
THURSDAY	10:30 AM	0-1500 MP	Steve Tubbs
FRIDAY	10:30 AM	Open	Jan Yocom
	7:00 PM	Open	Marie Germuska
SATURDAY	12:00 PM	0-500 MP	Ian Kirk

*Come 30 minutes early to the Wednesday evening game for a brief lesson. Call or arrive 15 minutes early to be paired with a mentor or mentee. Mentors (Life Masters) play for free.

SPECIAL GAMES & EVENTS

Club Championships. Feb. 9, 7:00 PM; Feb. 12, 10:30 AM; Feb. 24, 6:30 PM; Feb. 26, 7:00 PM; Mar. 12, 12:00 PM (499er); Mar. 13, 1:00 PM (Occasional Sunday Open Pairs); Mar. 14, 6:30 PM (Mentored Game). **Charity Championships.** Mar. 7, 6:30 PM (299er); Mar. 22, 10:30 AM.

GNT Qualifiers. Feb. 3, 10:30 AM; Feb. 12, 7:00 PM; Feb. 23, 7:00 PM.

Unit Games. Feb. 10, 10:30 AM; Feb. 14, 1:00 PM (Eight is Enough); Mar. 6, 1:00 PM (Eight is Enough); Mar. 15, 10:30 AM. **Membership Games.** Feb. 2, 10:30 AM; Mar. 16, 6:30 PM.

499er EVENTS

0-300 MP Game. Monday nights 6:30 PM. Paced for newer players. **0-20 and 0-500 MP Games.** Saturdays 12:00 PM, preceded by a Q&A on conventions, strategies, and more. **Mentored games.** Wednesday nights, 6:30 PM.

SUNDAY GAMES

“EIGHT IS ENOUGH” Swiss Teams. Feb. 14 & Mar. 6, 1:00 PM. Come 30 minutes early for goodies. Please RSVP in advance (360-737-3772) with names of team members, whether more members are needed, and whether you need a team to join.

“OCCASIONAL SUNDAY” Open Pairs. Feb. 28 & Mar. 13, 1:00 PM. Treats at 12:30 PM.

LESSONS

Assisted Play. Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:30 AM.

Play of the Hand (continuing from January). Saturday, 9:30-11:30 AM; Feb. 6, 13, 27 & Mar. 5, 12. Instructors: Marie Germuska, Sandee Canton. Material: *Play of the Hand in the 21st Century*. \$15/class (if you did not previously register and pay for the full series).

Beginner Bridge (continuing from January). Tuesday, 7:00-9:30 PM; Feb. 2, 9, 23 & Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22. Instructors: Marie Germuska, Deborah Lackey. Material: *Bidding in the 21st Century*. \$15/class (if you did not previously register and pay for the full series).

For more information on these classes and others to come in 2016, contact Deborah Lackey, Education Liaison, at 360-216-7484.

CLOSURES

We are closed Sun. Feb. 7 (Super Bowl), Feb. 16-21 (for Oregon Trail Regional), and Sun. Mar. 20.

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UNIT 487 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION, UNIT AWARDS, & ELECTION PARTY, 2016

WHEN: Sunday, April 3 at 11:00, 2nd Session TBA

WHERE: Ace of Clubs

COST: \$3.00 per person per Session

Events:

Open pairs (Stratified)

Pairs, Non-LM (0-500, Stratified)

Extra Points as both Sessions are Unit Games

ACTIVITIES:

Vote for new board members at a club on a prior date or at the party before the first session.

- 11:00
1. 2015 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney unit awards.
 2. Play with a new partner (open game). Have fun getting to know another player! Please, no established partnerships (open game).

Potluck between sessions. The main entrée will be furnished by the unit.

Second Session (TBA, but 3:30 to 4 ish): Play with a favorite partner (all games) and use your favorite conventions.

**POTLUCK BETWEEN SESSIONS,
BRING A FAVORITE DISH
(Alternative: A \$5 donation)**



Current Board Members: Jan Clemmons, Charles Swart, George Crawford, Judy Davis, Amy Casanova, Ginny Kopacz, Peter Hepokoski