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Bridge Across the District

Summer 2018

CEO is gone; board adopts new charts

Philly beats projection

In March I attended the Spring NABC in Philadelphia, home of the Liberty Bell. The weather was pretty chilly most of the time but the playing site was excellent.

The table count was 10,317.5, which was above the estimate of 10,000 tables, an upward trend we hope continues.



Merlin Vilhauer

D20 District Director

In case you forgot, D20 is hosting the Fall NABC in Hawaii at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Nov. 22 to Dec. 2. It's a great venue for a national. The last one there was in 2006, so be sure to make your reservations for a warm, sunny Hawaii

and support D20 as host.

Marilyn and I attend the January regional in Hawaii every year and we can give you lots of ideas for making your trip a little more economical if you choose to stay away from the wonderful Hilton Hawaiian Village. We also may share the name of our favorite restaurant where we enjoy fabulous \$15 lobster!

Goodwill Member of the Year **Nelda Linman** of Bend was honored at the

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Four D20 pairs place in Philadelphia NAP

At the Spring NABC in Philadelphia, District 20 players' best showings were in the North American Pairs. **Roger Thomas** and **Jon Gasaway** placed second in Flight C (see story, page 3). In Flight B, **Amy Casanova** and **Paul Wrigley** were fifth (see story, page 8) and **Arun Savara** and **Alan Kosansky** were 15th. And **John Ashton** and **Jon Bartlett** were eighth in A. Casanova and Wrigley also teamed with **Tim Rilling** and **Don Herring** to place sixth in the 10K Swiss Teams.

Yasuko Shrenzel of Honolulu was 12th in the Smith LM Women's Pairs, and a few other players also got overalls in national events: **Chris Gibson** in the Lebar IMP Pairs, along with **Hal Montgomery** and **Bruce Cuthbertson**; **Lynne Schaeffer** and **Don Lowry** in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs; and **John Lusky** and **Jeff Roman** in the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams.

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New president: Rowe

By **Amy Casanova**
The Trumpet

District 20's search for a new president ended with the election of Laurie Rowe. Since 2014 she has represented the Eugene, Albany/Corvallis and

Salem units on the district board.

An accomplished player, she finds time to volunteer and teach. And her friendly, outgoing demeanor has welcomed many of us at the tables over

the years.

Laurie was introduced to bridge by parents who played social and duplicate bridge. She then decided to take up duplicate while in college.

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Larry Denneau moved back to his native Hawaii 15 years ago to work on an astronomy project.

Tropic of bridge

Hawaii's Waikiki provides a rare setting for the Fall NABC

By **Jen Smith**
The Trumpet

If you aren't planning to attend the 2018 Fall North American Bridge Championships, you may be about to change your mind — unless you hate warm weather, ocean air, palm trees or gorgeous tropical landscapes.

The setting for this upcoming event is none other than Honolulu — or Waikiki to be exact. Since my travels have never taken me to such a serene destination, I

went right to the source to find out everything you need to know before packing your bags this fall.

According to Larry Denneau, bridge player and Hawaii resident, the setting of this fall's NABC tournament is what makes it so special.

"The essence of Hawaii — beaches, tropical weather, great food and friendly people — is literally just a few minutes' walk from the tournament," Denneau says.

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Sunriver is down 9%

The Sunriver Regional wrapped up 99 tables down from the previous tournament held there in 2016. It was still twice as large as the Rogue Valley Regional held in May 2017 and slightly bigger than the first Sunriver Regional in 2014.

We will return to Medford next spring. In 2020 instead of Sunriver, the regional will be in Bend proper.

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Get ready to eat, play in Boise

If you haven't yet been to Boise, come join the fun at **The Great Potato Regional** Aug. 6–12. Besides playing our favorite game and winning valuable masterpoints, you have the opportunity to make new friends from the Gem State.



Jim Wheeler
Tournament Manager

Some district players have passed along restaurant recommendations in the area. **Lee Brackhahn** says Cucina di Paolo has

almost 300 sessions at more than 25 tournaments a year.

Since the couple's 2015 move from Salem to Boise, though, the portion of his directing done in District 20 has been limited to sectionals in the three easternmost units and the four regionals, running all the morning sessions. Players he used to see regularly now tell Gram they

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Where in the world are John & Suzanne?

Gram, St. Thomas find Boise is the right place for them

By **Chip Dombrowski**
The Trumpet



Suzanne St. Thomas and John Gram

If you played at a bridge tournament in western Oregon in the first 15 years of this century, there's a very good chance that John Gram was directing, and slightly less of a good chance that Suzanne St. Thomas was playing.

Gram has long been one of the ACBL's busiest tournament directors, averaging

almost 300 sessions at more than 25 tournaments a year.

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Balancing players' interests is a challenge

I remember, not *that* long ago, venturing out into tournament play and marveling at the fact that a bracket 1 KO paid over 40 points. Certainly that was more than I had ever won in a year, let alone one event! I wondered why the payout was so much larger than the other brackets.

It was explained to me that the payout was so high for bracket 1 because they were already there. Huh? They were, most likely, already flight A players with thousands of masterpoints, so you might as well pile them on. If you were to accelerate the masterpoint accumulation of a new player, they might find themselves ineligible for limited events, or even for placing in B or C in an open event. Can you imagine only playing in bracket 1, open pairs, or A/X Swiss from now on?

I have to. Going over 2000 masterpoints makes me ineligible for flight B locally, and soon enough, going over 2500 will make me flight A for national events. Fortunately I have been "playing up" for some time now, getting knocked around in the big boy ring, so I'm resigned to it. I know that winning is a remote possibility, so I try

to find ways to achieve different victories. Even if it's on one board. Having a better score than a pro pair. Getting a top or above-average board against a better player. Beating a team that has more experience.

Bridge is a pretty tough product to sell. Here, pay a bunch of money to sit around all day and lose! At first I was against all of the events designed to segregate players into their comfort zones. I think you learn more and faster when you play against better players, even if you have to lose for a while.

If you're only playing in 299er or Gold Rush pairs, how will you meet someone like **Hendrik Sharples** or **Jon Bartlett**, two of the nicest guys who will, after crushing you into dust, kindly smile and help you understand what the hell just happened?

I've had an about-face, and I encourage tournament organizers to give the customer what they want, as much as I continue to encourage new players to play up in open events too. It's hard to make it balance — there may be fewer brackets in the KOs and open pairs may not have many tables. Jonathan Steinberg, a top player on the



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

Why robots should be brought to justice

I still hate robots. The kind that play on BBO, anyway.

A year and a half ago I wrote about wanting to meet the BBO robot in a dark alley with a hammer. That hasn't changed.

My life has changed in a lot of other ways in the past three months, though. During the Spring NABC, I snuck away from my desk in the Daily Bulletin office long enough for two amazing experiences — a private concert for 80 people by the now-solo lead singer of my favorite band, and an internet celebrity's meet-and-greet at a trampoline park in Philadelphia.

In April, along with having two surgeries and getting catfished, I finally did something I'd been wanting to do for a long time and started writing fan fiction, a story about the guy I went to meet. It's been a long time since I tried writing for fun outside of journalism, and I missed it. Last month I managed to earn a Twitter follow from my main character and bought a ticket to see him again in a few weeks.

All this has been exciting. Meanwhile, I still haven't been playing much bridge. I haven't played in a tournament since September, and when I finally made it to the club in late April, it was the first time I'd played in five months.

It was nice to find I still know how. It was a special game, so more than the normal share of our local national champions came out, and despite that my partner and I inexplicably won, getting her the last points she needed to become a Life Master.

I'm looking forward to getting out to a tournament again this month, and later in Seaside, but those are probably the only two I'll make this year.

For the most part, the combination of

the time required to continue working on the Trumpet and being away from all my Oregon partners makes it too hard to play much. Which is why I'm left with robots.

There are many reasons to hate them. Their bizarre leads are especially frustrating. Their penchant for passing takeout doubles and pulling penalty doubles is maddening — you can hover over the bid to confirm they know what you mean, and they still do the opposite. Because they hate you. And when they do answer a double, they won't tell you their real suit, so you'll play in your 3-3 rather than your 5-4. Worse yet is their willingness to defend when holding undisclosed seven-card support for your suit.

But the one I'm here to talk to you about today is their insistence on cuebidding on nothing. Please, robots, stop cuebidding. Whatever it is you think you

have, you don't have it. I have literally seen them cuebid on a scattered 3-count.

Robots' eagerness to cuebid is the other side of the coin of their reluctance to balance. In situations where I could pass and trust a partner with a pulse to do something, I have to bid knowing my useless center-hand opponent won't. And so they feel compelled to "show" the meager values I've already discerned they have.

But the problem, aside from the fact that we're probably already too high, is that I've bid two suits and I still don't know which one they're intending to support. Not a problem if you can rebid the lower suit and trust partner to take a preference, but that doesn't work with robots. To them, rebidding your second suit shows extra length, and they'll assume it's longer than your first suit, even though

circuit, wrote on Facebook about an experiment at the Raleigh regional. Because many teams prefer not to play against professional players, the ACBL is trying smaller top brackets; but attendance is still down. It's not just a local problem.

I'm not sure what makes a successful tournament schedule. Some were confused as to why there weren't KOs starting every day in Sunriver, forcing people who were knocked out to play pairs instead of continuing with their teammates in a new event. Maybe there should be more Gold Rush pairs, since that makes the payout for the open pairs higher, and they seem to attract lots of players.

Solutions are hard to come by, as are people who are willing to stick their neck out and make changes. The leadership at the ACBL is in flux, and our own district now welcomes a new president. We, as players and customers, need to be supportive of ideas and freely offer realistic suggestions. What do you like about the game? What gets you out to a regional? What makes you stay home? I know I'm listening, and I'm sure **Laurie Rowe** is too.

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you would have bid it first if it was.

So try rebidding your first suit? Nope, they still think you're longer in the second suit. Let's introduce exhibit A:

♠J 7 ♥K Q 8 6 2 ♦9 7 6 4 ♣A 5.

The robot holds this hand, we're vulnerable and the auction has proceeded:

| LHO | You (robot) | RHO | Human |
|------|-------------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| 1♠ | Dbl | 3♠ | 4♣ |
| Pass | ? | | |

Is a 4♦ preference so hard? If you really think your hand is too good for it — if you don't think two spade losers is a negative, or that wasted heart values opposite shortness is a negative — you could jump to 5♦. But no, exhibit B, you cuebid 4♠.

Knowing that if I rebid clubs there's no way to convince the robot I have longer diamonds, I decide to emphasize the suit I want to play in and bid 5♦. I hope I've shown 2=1=6=4.

Finally, exhibit C: the robot corrects to 6♣, because two-card support is better than four-card support. I suppose the robot thinks this is yet another cuebid in support of diamonds, the suit it hasn't actually supported yet, but I certainly wasn't looking for seven. Not with two spade losers, and not opposite a passed hand.

If you really think the hand you've overstated once is too good to pass 5♦, a raise to 6♦ avoids the ambiguity of 6♣, which sounds like a preference with 2=5=1=5. Down two is better than down five.

I can only imagine how many bullets Myrtle Bennett would have fired into her computer by this point. If anyone sees the robot who committed these atrocities and has a hammer handy, feel free to use it.

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Interesting hand from GNT A final

Here is an interesting hand that helped determine District 20's flight A champions in the Grand National Teams.

Dlr: South ♠Q 10 6
Vul: E-W ♥Q 8 6 2
♦9 8 7 6
♣8 2

♠K J 9 8 7 4 2 ♠5 3
♥J ♥K
♦A 10 4 ♦K Q 5 3
♣10 4 ♣A Q J 7 6 3

♠A
♥A 10 9 7 5 4 3
♦J 2
♣K 9 5



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

At one table, South opened 1♥. The bidding proceeded 3♠, pass, 4♠, all pass. After the heart lead, the hand is cold, as South is endplayed in all suits. 620 for East-West.

At the other table South opened 4♥ and after two passes, East balanced with 5♣. Now North-South went down in 5♥. These 11 IMPs were important in their win.

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Deaths

Allen Carter — 78, of Salem OR died Feb. 8, 2018.

Gregg Knudsen-St. Cyr — 40, of Portland OR died Jan. 25, 2018.

Marjorie Narramore — 90, of Klamath Falls OR died Feb. 13, 2018.

Celia Ryer — 90, formerly of Salem OR died Feb. 2, 2018.

Marian Ruth Sinz — 94, of Seaside OR died April 8, 2018, in Anchorage AK.

Diane Stewart — 79, of Medford OR died Jan. 5, 2018.

Genevieve Wilson — 78, of Brookings OR died April 4, 2018.



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Sunriver: Resort will be missed as tournament site

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From Portland driving to the high desert is remarkably easy and full of eye-candy. The weather was dry once I was past Mount Hood, and Mount Jefferson kept me company. The open landscape relaxed my eyes. Coming home I went the other way, through Detroit Lake to I-5. Both roads were a pleasure to drive on with life-affirming scenery. Oregon is a jewel.

I'll miss playing bridge at the Sunriver Resort. I can't think of a better place for a tournament, so I'm sorry we won't be returning. The proximity to natural spaces with trails to walk on, the playing space, the affordability (with the exception of groceries at the village market) made it an exciting destination. The ice cream sundaes were definitely a crowd-pleaser.

Playing in Bend will have its own attractions, so I'm looking forward to that as well.

The tournament staff and local organizers were top-notch. **Jim Wheeler** kept things running smoothly, enjoyed his new job, and still found time to play a few sessions of bridge. Many thanks to **Berta Cleveland**, tournament chair; **Chip Cleveland**, photographer; **Larry and Laura Smith**, partnership; **Carolyn Hennig** and **Susan Battistella**, hospitality; **Dianne Maffia**, caddy master; and **Nelda Linman, Ron and Judy Mundt**.

NAP AND GNT

GNT teams punch tickets to Atlanta

By Hal Montgomery
D20 NA Events Coordinator

The online finals for our 2018 Grand National Teams included several teams made up of players from multiple states. We had Californians playing with Hawaiians and Oregonians. We had Idahoans playing with Oregonians and Washingtonians. We didn't have any all Californian, Idahoan or Washingtonian teams. Well maybe next year.

We had venues at bridge clubs in Boise, Portland and Vancouver. The bridge experience of all our members' districtwide is enhanced by the willingness of these clubs to open their facilities to our online play. I appreciated their willingness to help out.

We had venues that I refer to as "bridge parties" at private homes in Malibu and Penn Valley, Calif.; Honolulu; Boise; and Portland and Seaside, Ore. I am especially fond of these bridge parties. I hope they expand to all parts of the district. By hosting a local bridge party, players from any part of our district can participate in the online finals without having to leave their home town. They can play locally while competing regionally.

We set a new record distance for a partnership playing in our online finals — 6,800 miles. This is how far it is from Hawaii to Norway, where one of our district's snowbirds played. That is 1,600 miles further than the previous record of 5,200 miles, the distance from Portland to Berlin. We want all our District 20 players to compete in our finals. Our online format doesn't care how many deserts, mountains, rivers or oceans are in the way. If you want to play, don't let anything stand in your way.

The winners of every flight were repeat winners. The open was won by **John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf, Jim Elliott, Marc Zwerling, John Lusky** and **Randy Pickett**. Flight A was won by **Joel Datloff, Michael Redden, Craig Jones** and **Charlene Martindale**. Flight B was won by **Rick Prouser, Ray Roberts, Chuck Swart** and **Jim Wisner**. Flight C was won by **Dan Edelstein, Andrew Nuxoll, Jon Gassaway, Roger Thomas, Kevin Marnell** and **Frank Straulemann**. Congratulations to all of them. I hope for their success at the nationals this summer in Atlanta.

NAP qualifying

Qualifying for the North American Pairs has started. You must qualify in a club before you may play in the finals. Our district subsidies are among the most generous in the ACBL. Get your friends and partners together and plan your own bridge party. I will help you find a partner or location. Win a trip to Memphis with fabulous barbecue.



Championship Flight: John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf, Jim Elliott, Marc Zwerling, John Lusky, Randy Pickett



Flight A: Mike Redden, Joel Datloff, Charlene Martindale, Craig Jones



Flight B: Ray Robert, Rick Prouser, Chuck Swart, Jim Wisner



Flight C: Dan Edelstein, Andrew Nuxoll, Kevin Marnell, Frank Straulemann, Jon Gassaway, Roger Thomas

Playing up helps pair finish second in NAP C

By Jon Gassaway
The Trumpet

Roger Thomas and I represented District 20 at the 2018 North American Pairs Flight C championships. Armed with handy puns and pairs of shorts (Roger), we made the long flight to snowy Philadelphia for the 2018 NABC, ready and eager to challenge ourselves and see how well our training held up against top competition.

Our philosophy has been to "play up" for most of the year, learn as much as we could from that, and then go for a result in the NAP, or the Grand National Teams (should we qualify for them).

Playing up exposes more of our weaknesses, and clues us in on how more advanced players bid and play hands. In order to learn from our mistakes, we go over the problematic hands after each session. Periodically, we ask more experienced players how they would have bid or played a hand. We are fortunate to have a supportive group in Portland who are willing to help fellow bridge players improve.



Jon Gassaway and Roger Thomas

At our first NABC in Toronto last summer, we played in several open events, and became acutely aware of how strong they are at that level. We'd never worked so hard to average a 40%! We left with stories of playing against top pros, and with a context for our playing level.

In Philadelphia this year, we were excited to play top-level competition in North American events such as the Lebharr IMP Pairs and the Silodor Pairs, as well as regional open events. We improved our open results average to a 44%. Progress!

In Philadelphia, we brushed shoulders with some pros. Our contingency plan for improving our play was to integrate the DNA of top players. We would collect DNA samples through shaking hands with the likes of David Bakshi or Eric Rodwell, and culture these tissue samples. If the turnaround time on the cultures was fast enough, we would have started a cultural revolution.

I was nervous to face a California pair for the first boards of the NAP. California crushed the Toronto GNTs. Fortunately, our first boards went well. As a result of playing stronger competition in open events throughout the year, we were then able to relax, focus and play confidently against our peers.

Our bridge learning depends, in part, on guidance from stronger Portland area players. Here is a "learning" hand from the third round:

None vulnerable, East passed, South opened 1♣. As West, I held:

♠Q 10 7 4 3 ♥9 6 2 ♦A 7 4 3 ♣7

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Laws of the Game

Don't finger bidding box

If you're like most people, you find *hovering* off-putting — hovering over your shoulder while you're on the computer, writing, on the phone, etc.

The kind of hovering you see at the bridge table can be just as annoying, but it also can have consequences. It's when a player reaches for a card in the bidding box, then hesitates with his hand over the box,

eventually bidding or passing. It's not good practice and can be a violation of law.

Dan Voorhies, a prominent southern Oregon bridge player in his time, always chastised players not to reach for the bidding box

before they had decided what card to remove. This was very good advice, for two reasons.

First, it's poor etiquette and can annoy your colleagues at the table. More importantly, you may expose yourself to a penalty if you first touch or start to remove one card, then change your mind and remove a different card or pass. Why? Because it can give unauthorized information (UI) to your partner.

For example, suppose you start to reach for a suit bid card, hesitate, then pass instead. You've certainly sent a message to your partner that your hand is on the border between bidding and not. Or suppose you start to pull out the pass card, only to replace it with the 1♠ card. You've suggested to your partner that you have a very minimum hand. Your partner has received UI in both cases.

Just holding your hand over the bidding box without indicating what card you might choose, then pulling out a bid, does not warrant a penalty. You've raised expectations (and acted somewhat thoughtlessly), but haven't imparted any information to your partner. However, if you hesitate over the box, and then pass, your indecision imparts UI and a director call is appropriate. An adjusted score may be in order.

What about a mechanical error (i.e., a careless mistake), such as pulling out the wrong bid card? No penalties are appropriate when a player catches the mistake and promptly plays the correct card instead. The test: whether the error was corrected *without pause for thought*. (Law 25A.) Even if LHO has quickly passed, the error may be corrected.

So what should you do if an opponent hovers over the bidding box before making a call? If he makes a bid, do nothing. After the hand, you can gently remind him that it's a breach of protocol to hover, but don't make a big deal about it, especially if it's a less experienced player.

If he winds up passing after hovering over bid cards, call the director, say what happened and advise her that you may want her to take a second look at the hand after it is played if you feel that UI has been used. Now you've sent a message to the careless player's partner and protected your side from being victims of UI.

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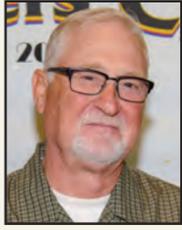
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District 20 Seeks

New Co-Tournament Manager

The D20 Co-Tournament Manager is responsible for running two D20 regionals a year. The position pays a stipend plus expenses, which will be determined by the D20 Board.

For a complete job description, please go to the D20 Manual of Policies and Procedures at:
http://web2.acblid20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_5_TnMan.pdf.

Requirements include: Excellent people skills; excellent organization skills; familiarity with Word, Excel and Publisher; the ability to travel to two D20 mainland regional tournaments annually; and knowledge of bridge and bridge tournaments.

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To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to:
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Candidates must reside in D20.



Shawn Schoffstall

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Sutter Buttes Sectional

Aug. 3-5, 2018

St. John's Episcopal Church, 800 D Street, Marysville, CA

Open Games

Strat A: 2500+ mp
 Strat B: 750-2500 mp
 Strat C: 0-750 mp
 (Stratified based on pair average)

All 299er pairs stratified at the director's discretion

Entry Fees

ACBL member:
\$10 per person per session

Lapsed ACBL member:
\$14 per person per session

Friday, Aug. 3

10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs
(single session)
299er pairs

3 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
(single session)
299er pairs

Saturday, Aug. 4

10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs
(double session; single-session pairs welcome)
(Regionally-rated Fund Game!)
299er pairs

3 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
(second session; single-session pairs welcome)
299er pairs

Sunday, Aug. 5

10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams

Start time for second session TBA
 Six rounds of eight boards, finish by 5:30 p.m.

Tournament Chair:

Ramon Lopez
(408) 206-3930

Partnerships:

Rick Shipley
(530) 300-6280
(10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Director:

Steve Kaessner

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THE IN! CROWD
For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Why Sherry needs to count

Sherry Squirrel is pacing and worrying about the Boise Regional that she plans to attend. She is playing with the amazing, confident Noah the Northern Goshawk. He swoops down to the table and is quiet and confident. Sherry wishes she could be more like him. He loves his slams!

She is reviewing her notes.

[Sherry's point of view]



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

Do not underlead an ace when you cannot see the dummy. Cover an honor with an honor. Play low if you are second hand, third hand high. Count trumps and hand patterns. Lead the top of a doubleton and lead low from an honor. Listen to the auction.

Sitting East, I pick up:

♠K 10 8 7 6 ♥7 3 ♦J 9 3 ♣Q 9 3

And the auction:

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | 1♦ |
| 2♦ | 3♣ | 3♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♦ | 4♠ | 5♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

When I bid 4♠, I thought I will call it a law of total tricks bid if he gets upset. In the end, I didn't have much defense, so I passed.

Partner leads the ♠A and this dummy goes down:

♠Q ♥10 2 ♦K 4 2 ♣J 10 8 6 5 4 2

As I'm looking at it, I wished he had led low from his ace so that I could lead a heart through declarer. Next he leads the ♣7, 10 from the dummy. What would you do? I dutifully covered an honor with an honor, playing my queen, taken by the ace.

Declarer collected the ♦AQ and laid down the ♣K. She collected my last diamond by playing small to the king in the dummy, ran the clubs from the top and made six. And my partner went off in a huff. I was in the dark about what mistake I had made.

Can you figure out what the mistake was? Is this contract makeable if Sherry does not help declarer?

Here are all four hands.

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| ♠Q | ♠Q |
| ♥10 2 | ♥7 3 |
| ♦K 4 2 | ♦J 9 3 |
| ♣J 10 8 6 5 4 2 | ♣Q 9 3 |
| ♠AJ 4 3 2 | ♠K 10 8 7 6 |
| ♥AQ 9 8 6 | ♥7 3 |
| ♦8 7 | ♦J 9 3 |
| ♣7 | ♣Q 9 3 |
| ♠9 5 | ♠AK |
| ♥KJ 5 4 | |
| ♦AQ 10 6 5 | |
| ♣AK | |

Think about it. If partner holds ♠AK 7 what does he lead? And what is partner's hand pattern?

If partner holds ♠A 7 or ♠K 7, what does he lead?

Logic tells you the 7 has to be a singleton.

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NAP Flight C

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With my partner's pass, N-S had a chance of finding a game contract. Just how likely was that? I wondered how likely it was that a Flight C pair had a penalty double in their arsenal if I bid? We stood to get a good board if we were left in 2♠ undoubled, or if our opponents didn't find the appropriate level and contract strain. I decided to be a thorn and bid 2♠.

Curious as to how our local Portland bridge experts would evaluate this hand, I sought their input. Here are some thoughts based on their feedback:

Up to this point, we had had success against the field playing and defending "normal" contracts.

Much of the field would pass this hand. We didn't need to seek exotic contracts like 2♠ to do well. Besides, the ♦A was one defensive trick, and game might not be a slam dunk for our opponents.

Overcalling 2♠ also described my shape and strength to our opponents, and this could guide them in their play. Sometimes it is hard to accept the power of the pass card.

Portland bridge players, your voices are in our heads, hopefully guiding us to more informed bridge decisions. It is through playing up and being deliberate in learning from our mistakes, asking lots of questions and putting in the time to analyze the hands, that we have been able to improve our bridge game. Thank you.

Vancouver USA Summer Sectional

Join us at the
Washington School for the Deaf,
611 Grand Blvd. (entrance on Evergreen Blvd.)
Vancouver, Wash.

Aug. 17-19, 2018

Friday, Aug. 17

Stratified Open Pairs..... 10 a.m.
Garland Wilson NLM Stratified Pairs (0-500) 10 a.m.
Novice Pairs (0-100 Stratified, # of tables permitting) 10 a.m.
Paul Gabalis Stratified Open Pairs 3 p.m.
NLM Stratified Pairs (0-500) 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18

Bob Turkisher Strati-flighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD) ... 10 a.m.
Novice Pairs (0-100 Stratified, # of tables permitting) 10 a.m.
Strati-flighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD)..... 3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19

Memorial Strati-flighted Swiss Teams 10 a.m. & TBA

*Stratified Fast Pairs (single session) 10 a.m.

| Open Strats | NLM Strats | Stratiflighted Events |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| A = 2000+ | A = 300-500 | A = 5000+ |
| B = 1000-2000 | B = 100-300 | X = 3000-5000 |
| C = 0-1000 | C = 0-50 | Y = 1500-3000 |
| | | B = 750-1500 |
| | | C = 300-750 |
| | | D = 0-300 |

All pair strats determined by average MP of pair, but
AXY, BCD and NLM limits apply. A team or pair with
any player over 1500 MPs plays in Flight AXY.

Fees:

\$10 for members, \$14 for lapsed ACBL members. Temporary memberships available. New ACBL members (0-5 MP) play free!

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

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Free coffee, tea and snacks!

The Great Potato Regional presents

A 3-Day Seminar with

Barbara Seagram

August 8, 9 and 10, 2018

For Novice, Intermediate & Advanced Intermediate Players

PROGRAM:

8:45-9 a.m.: Meet and Greet
9-11:30 a.m.: Lesson

Wednesday: Taking Tricks with Tiny Cards
Thursday: Killing Defense
Friday: Locating Opponents' Honor Cards

VENUE: Cascade Room, Wyndham Garden Boise
Airport, 3300 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705



Barbara Seagram is the co-author of 26 published bridge books, including "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." She was recently named No. 40 on the list of top 52 bridge personalities who have most influenced the game.

Barbara now owns and runs a School of Bridge in Toronto. She and her husband, Alex, travel the world teaching the game. Their real passions are Africa, Cambodia and Laos. In Cambodia, they have built and sustain 5 schools and in Laos, they install water filters.



REGISTRATION FORM FOR BARBARA SEAGRAM SEMINAR

COST: \$35 per lesson, or \$90 for all three, if payment is received by July 20, 2018. \$40 per lesson, or \$100 for all three for registrations after July 20, 2018.

I plan to attend Weds Thurs Friday (check boxes)

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Mail this form with a check for the appropriate amount made payable to **ACBL District 20** to:

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THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Summer sectionals

Salem

The Salem Sectional will be held June 29–July 1 at the Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center. See spring issue for details.

Portland I/N

The PBC I/N Sectional will be held July 21–22 at Portland Bridge Club. Details were unavailable at press time.

Sutter Buttes

The Sutter Buttes Sectional will be held Aug. 3–5 at St. John Episcopal Church in Marysville CA. See ad page 4 for details.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Summer Sectional will be held Aug. 17–19 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 5 for details.

Eureka

The Eureka Sectional will be held Sept. 7–9 at Ocean View Mobile Home Park in McKinleyville CA. See ad below.

Portland

The Portland Fall Sectional will be held Sept. 8–9 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad this page for details.

Boise

The Boise Fall Sectional will be held Sept. 14–16 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boise. See ad page 7 for details.

Rogue Valley

The Rogue Valley Fall Sectional will be held Sept. 14–16 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR. See ad page 7 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Maui Sectional (83 tables)

| | | |
|---|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 22.68 | Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI |
| 2 | 17.49 | Gary Donner, Bluffton SC |
| 3 | 17.06 | Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV |
| | 17.06 | Henriette Mufich, Las Vegas NV |
| 5 | 14.89 | George Boettger, Kihei HI |
| 6 | 13.30 | Jack Patnode, Kula HI |
| 7 | 12.14 | Bruce Martin, Paia HI |
| 8 | 9.69 | John Millard, Kihei HI |

Boise Sectional (155 tables)

| | | |
|----|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 21.05 | Duane Christensen, Boise ID |
| | 21.05 | Carol Christensen, Boise ID |
| 3 | 20.45 | Brenda Larsen, Twin Falls ID |
| | 20.45 | Bill Cook, Twin Falls ID |
| 5 | 18.32 | Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID |
| | 18.32 | Kathy Downen, Boise ID |
| 7 | 15.02 | James Milam, Idaho Falls ID |
| | 15.02 | Beth Milam, Idaho Falls ID |
| 9 | 15.00 | Paul Penland, Eagle ID |
| 10 | 13.80 | John Zamboni, Caldwell ID |
| 11 | 11.17 | William Neely, Boise ID |
| | 11.17 | Dan Neely, Boise ID |
| 13 | 10.04 | Clyde Coon, Boise ID |
| 14 | 9.85 | Ian Martindale, Boise ID |
| | 9.85 | Charlene Martindale, Boise ID |
| 16 | 9.83 | John Gitzen, Meridian ID |
| | 9.83 | Carol Holmes, Meridian ID |

Big Island Sectional (123 tables)

| | | |
|----|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 24.29 | Robert Hope, Honolulu HI |
| | 24.29 | Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI |
| 3 | 16.65 | Harry Messenheimer, Pahoa HI |
| 4 | 16.58 | Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI |
| | 16.58 | Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI |
| 6 | 13.31 | Craig Ross, Ann Arbor MI |
| 7 | 12.88 | Shelly Hershberger, Kailua Kona HI |
| 8 | 11.98 | Thomas Land, Vashon WA |
| 9 | 11.55 | Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI |
| 10 | 11.00 | Penny Kallaus, Hualaloa HI |
| 11 | 9.32 | Jim Cheney, Hilo HI |

Honolulu Sectional (107 tables)

| | | |
|---|-------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 24.85 | Ann Bernson, Honolulu HI |
| 2 | 24.67 | Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI |

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|----|-------|------------------------------|
| 3 | 18.06 | Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI |
| 4 | 16.74 | Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI |
| 5 | 15.72 | Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI |
| 6 | 15.27 | Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI |
| 7 | 14.09 | Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI |
| | 14.09 | Mary Phillips, Honolulu HI |
| 9 | 11.78 | Marion McLaren, Honolulu HI |
| 10 | 11.57 | Leo Williams, Honolulu HI |

Chico Sectional (86 tables)

| | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 26.23 | Garth Gregory, Chico CA |
| 2 | 24.22 | Steve Sellers, Eureka CA |
| 3 | 18.26 | Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA |
| 4 | 16.59 | Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA |
| 5 | 16.46 | Larry MacCaughy, Grass Valley CA |
| 6 | 15.22 | Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA |
| 7 | 12.94 | Ted Muller, Sacramento CA |
| 8 | 11.82 | Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA |
| 9 | 9.44 | Leslie Reynolds, McKinleyville CA |
| | 9.44 | Jane Horgan, Fallbrook CA |

Albany Sectional (142 tables)

| | | |
|----|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 22.28 | Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR |
| | 22.28 | Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR |
| 3 | 19.99 | Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR |
| 4 | 19.69 | Ira Neyhart, Corvallis OR |
| 5 | 12.74 | Jon Neimand, Eugene OR |
| | 12.74 | James Smith, Mapleton OR |
| 7 | 12.20 | Carol Harms, Corvallis OR |
| 8 | 11.90 | Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR |
| 9 | 10.31 | Hal Montgomery, Portland OR |
| | 10.31 | Amy Casanova, Portland OR |
| 11 | 10.17 | Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR |
| | 10.17 | Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR |
| 13 | 9.68 | Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR |
| 14 | 9.20 | David Smith, Corvallis OR |
| 15 | 8.64 | Linda Smith, Corvallis OR |

Ontario Sectional (131 tables)

| | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 18.73 | John Zamboni, Caldwell ID |
| 2 | 18.53 | William Cook, Twin Falls ID |
| | 18.53 | Clyde Coon, Boise ID |
| 4 | 16.41 | Duane Christensen, Boise ID |
| | 16.41 | Carol Christensen, Boise ID |
| 6 | 15.54 | Riley Burton, Twin Falls ID |

| | | |
|----|-------|-------------------------------|
| 7 | 14.02 | Julia Christensen, Boise ID |
| 8 | 13.01 | David McLeod, Meridian ID |
| 9 | 12.36 | Suzanne St Thomas, Boise ID |
| | 12.36 | Kathy Downen, Boise ID |
| 11 | 11.99 | Elazar Friedman, Middleton ID |
| 12 | 11.47 | Robert Donaldson, Ogden UT |
| | 11.47 | Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID |

Phoenix (Medford) Sectional (83 tables)

| | | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 18.31 | Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR |
| | 18.31 | Bobby Thompson, Klamath Falls OR |
| 3 | 17.88 | Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR |
| | 17.88 | Hal Montgomery, Portland OR |
| 5 | 12.22 | Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR |
| 6 | 11.89 | James Flint, Ashland OR |
| 7 | 10.80 | Mark Matson, Medford OR |
| | 10.80 | Kemble Yates, Ashland OR |

Seaside Sectional (128 tables)

| | | |
|----|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 31.58 | Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR |
| 2 | 25.58 | Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR |
| 3 | 21.66 | Gene Fomin, Glacier WA |
| 4 | 21.10 | L. Sullivan, Vancouver WA |
| | 21.10 | Jon Gustafson, Manzanita OR |
| 6 | 19.33 | Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC |
| 7 | 18.05 | Robert Law, Tigard OR |
| | 18.05 | Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA |
| 9 | 17.96 | Richard Carle, Longview WA |
| | 17.96 | Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR |
| 11 | 17.45 | Laila Axen, New Westminster BC |
| 12 | 15.47 | Jon Bartlett, Portland OR |

Seaside I/N Regional (120 tables)

| | | |
|----|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 12.29 | Larry Coats, Kent WA |
| | 12.29 | Don Kelly, Renton WA |
| 3 | 8.15 | John Curtis, Astoria OR |
| 4 | 7.85 | Al Stipe, Federal Way WA |
| | 7.85 | Al Lunde, Federal Way WA |
| 6 | 6.89 | Benson Mitchell, Newberg OR |
| | 6.89 | Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR |
| 8 | 6.67 | Mark Jansa, Portland OR |
| | 6.67 | Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR |
| 10 | 5.95 | Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA |
| | 5.95 | Carroll Vaughan, Federal Way WA |
| 12 | 5.90 | Pat Culpepper, Portland OR |

Unit 458 Presents Eureka California Sectional* Sept. 7-9, 2018

Ocean West Mobile Home Park
1090 Murray Road, McKinleyville, CA
(707) 839-3207

Friday, Sept. 7

11 a.m. — Stratified Open Pairs,
single session

4 p.m. — Stratified Open Pairs,
single session

Saturday, Sept. 8

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. — Stratified
Open Pairs, double session
play through with option of
playing only one session

Sunday, Sept. 9

10 a.m. & TBA — Swiss Teams

Cost: \$10 per session;
\$14 for lapsed ACBL members

Stratification — A: open,
B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Tournament Chair & Director:

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707-840-9305
Ask for bridge rate

Portland Fall Sectional

Sept. 8-9, 2018

SATURDAY, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, two-session play-through
(single session entries welcome)

Flight AX (A=3000+, X=0-3000), plays separately
Flight BCD (B=1250-2000, C=750-1250, D=0-750)

Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
single sessions

Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)
single sessions

SUNDAY, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

Flight A/X Swiss Teams, VPs

Flight A= 3000+, Flight X= 0-3000

Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss Teams, VPs

One Session Teams (Non-LM, 0-500), Win/Loss

Note: a team with any player over 2000 plays in Flight A/X
All strats determined by average MP's of team

Lunch included between sessions
(Sunday only)

FREE Coffee & Snacks

ACBL players (0-5)
play FREE!

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Manager: Alan Johnson, 971-998-4261, apeace01@comcast.net

Partnership: Nancy Swanson, 239-595-7298, nswanson141@gmail.com

\$10 per session. \$15 for lapsed members. \$5 for students under age 26 with
student I.D. Temporary memberships available at venue.

Sanction No. S1809056



*Down-graded sectional; silver points 65% of normal silver points

The Bidding Toolbox

How to find the right slam holding a void

Finding slam with a void in hand can be problematical when your only tool for asking about controls or key cards is a form of Blackwood.

Take this hand, for instance, which occurred in a sectional pairs game a few years ago:

♠ Q 8 6 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ A
 ♣ A K Q J 6 5 3

♠ J 10 ♠ 2
 ♥ A K 10 5 ♥ J 9 7 4 3
 ♦ J 10 9 8 ♦ Q 7 6 5 4
 ♣ 10 7 2 ♣ 9 4

♠ A K 9 7 5
 ♥ Q 8 6 2
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ 8



Jim Flint
The Bidding Toolbox

for partner and asks for key cards without respect to the suit you jumped to. In this hand, a bid of 5♥ asks partner to show key cards without respect to hearts, using the usual steps. A response by South of 6♣ shows two key cards

without the queen (the first two steps, 5♠ and 5NT, are 1430 or 3014, depending on your system). Because South is instructed to ignore hearts with his answer, North knows the two key cards are the ♠A K and confidently bids the grand slam.

In a hand like this, some partnerships prefer to use **Jacoby 2NT** first to establish the fit, then use Exclusionary Key Card by jumping to the void suit (but still, over game level). It's less likely to lead to a mis-

understanding.

Another way to find the right level is the 5NT **Grand Slam Force** convention. Over South's opening bid of 1♠, North bids 5NT, which asks South to bid grand slam if he has two of the top three spade honors, or bid six with only one of the them. Again, the pair reaches the grand slam because South, indeed, has two of the top three spades.

Those in the field who had only Key Card Blackwood in their toolboxes, bid only six, unsure of South's exact holding, and suffered in the matchpoint scoring.

If South had opened with spades headed by the J-10 and hearts headed by the A-K-Q, you could chalk it up to bad luck. But since South has values for his opening bid, he could pass 5NT if he has no key cards outside the heart suit and

hope for the best.

Discuss with your partner ways to handle slam interest hands when you hold a void. It might help you gain a better result.

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Redden

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You can count the clubs: seven in dummy, three in your hand, one from partner. That leaves declarer with the A-K tight. So you don't play the honor.

If you do not cover, he cannot pull trump and run clubs, as there are not enough entries to dummy.

No one was allowed to play in the 4♣ game. Sherry made a nice 4♠ bid, and it is a law bid — but that is another article.

D20 I/N Coordinator Margi Redden can be reached at d20incoord@yahoo.com.

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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| Douglas Berg, Eugene OR | Nancy Johnson, Bend OR | Robb Reavill, Bend OR |
| Mary Blake, Seaside OR | Becky Jones, Portland OR | Kimberley Reef, Seaside OR |
| Marcelene Brown, Chico CA | Beulah Jueau, McMinnville OR | Stephen Reef, Seaside OR |
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| Karen Chambers, Keizer OR | Jerry Larson, Vancouver WA | Jane Siemens-Neary, Boise ID |
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| Judy Devore, Eagle ID | Shirley McGinnis, Redding CA | Gayle Vandorn, Beaverton OR |
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| Janet Dowty, Portland OR | Lynda McHenry, Corvallis OR | Gordon Wade, Weed CA |
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| Randy Forrest, Kelso WA | Mary Meyer, West Linn OR | Chris Wenham, Portland OR |
| Gary Fuller, Kailua HI | Ellen Moran, Bend OR | Sandy Wise, Chico CA |
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| Ryan Herlands, Eugene OR | | Herbert Yussim, Bandon OR |
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Welcome!

Boise Unit 394
www.boisebridge.club

Boise Fall Sectional

Sept. 14-16, 2018
Wyndham Garden Hotel
 3300 S. Vista Ave.
 Boise, Idaho 83705
 (208) 343-4900



Friday, September 14
 12:30 and 6 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs
 12:30 and 6 p.m.: 0-199er game

Saturday, September 15
 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs
 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: 0-199er game

Sunday, September 16
 10 a.m.: Stratified Swiss Teams
Six rounds of eight boards, 20 VP scale

Masterpoint Ranges
A=unlimited
B=750-1500
C=0-750

- Stratification by team or pair average.
- \$10/session for ACBL members, \$14/session for lapsed ACBL members; non-ACBL members will be required to join. Temporary memberships will be available.
- \$120 per Swiss team Sunday includes lunch.

Tournament Chair: Don Robinson; don_robinson_idaho@yahoo.com
Partnership Co-chairs: Art Crawford; acraw42@gmail.com
 Craig Jones; idleaks@hotmail.com

Tournament Director: John Gram
 Sanction No. S1809054

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2018 Rogue Fall Sectional

Friday-Sunday
Sept. 14-16

Dan Voorhies Bridge Center
 4149 S. Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon

Special 99ers Game Saturday!

SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 14 (single sessions)

299er Pairs* 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 Stratified Open pairs 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15 (single sessions available)

299er Pairs* 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 Stratified Open pairs *play through* 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 99er Pairs 10 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Swiss Teams, stratified by avg. MPs 10 a.m. and TBA
Lunch available between sessions
 *299er games depend on player availability

HOSTS AND INFORMATION

Director: Steve Kaessner
Chair: John Cowles
Partnerships: Gee Gee Walker, 541-292-3474, ggwalker@gmail.com
Information: John Cowles, 541-482-6314, sonomajnc@msn.com

RECEPTION

Leah and Mark McKechnie of the Voorhies Bridge Center invite you to join them for refreshments after Friday's second session.

PLAYER FEES

\$10 per player per session (\$14 for lapsed ACBL members); \$9 for less than 50 MPs. Temporary memberships available.

DIRECTIONS

From north or south, take exit 24 off of I-5 near Medford, go west on Fern Valley Road, turn right at S. Pacific Hwy., go one block to bridge center on the right.

STRATIFICATIONS

A = 1500+; B = 750-1500; C = 0-750

Sanction No. 1809093

PHILADELPHIA SPRING NABC

District 20 players take fifth in NAP B and sixth in 10K Swiss

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

Each time I attend an NABC, I return armed with knowledge on how to improve for the next time, be it bridge related or not.

Traveling is always a bit of an ordeal, whether flying or driving, especially in late winter or early spring. Just ask Chip. Although I always say I think these tournaments should be held somewhere easily accessible and cheap, like Nebraska, it is fun to go to a big city and have the opportunity to sight-see and try out new restaurants, shopping or whatever.

The drawback when you're somewhere like Philadelphia is the host hotel and surrounding hotels can be expensive. I have stayed with friends, at the host hotel, and at Airbnbs various distances from the playing site to try to save money and now I can definitely say that I think it's best to be within a 10-15 minute walk. I also prefer the Airbnb experience, because having your own kitchen can ensure eating better meals for less money.

My partner **Paul Wrigley** and I decided to warm up for the NAP Flight B with the 10K Swiss, held Friday and Saturday. We teamed up with **Tim Rilling** and **Don Herring**, who were also playing in the NAP event.

Friday was a two-session qualifier with half the field qualifying for the second day.



Amy Casanova and Paul Wrigley got two top-10 finishes in limited national events in Philadelphia, one of them with Tim Rilling and Don Herring.

My goal with these types of events is to qualify for the second day and go from there.

We all played quite well the first day, losing only two matches by 1 and 9 IMPs and tying one match. Four of our five wins were pretty solid, so we found ourselves qualifying in fifth place for day two. Not bad.

We started out the second day with four wins and were sitting second with four rounds to go. Time for the dinner break.

Across from the playing site is the Reading Terminal Market, a giant indoor marketplace with all kinds of vendors. My friend and I ate at Beck's, a Cajun-themed place with a signature sandwich called The Trainwreck, which is like a Philly cheesesteak but Louisiana style. It con-

sists of steak, salami, andouille sausage, American cheese and creole mayonnaise on a roll. It is 100 percent more meat, cheese and bread than my normal diet.

The sandwich was aptly named as my bridge the next two rounds was a hot mess. I'm not really saying my dinner was to blame, but in a general sense when you're on the road — sleeping in a strange place, on a different schedule, eating out — it's a lot to ask of yourself to do well at bridge. You need to take care of yourself. Would I have played better had I eaten a salad? I'll never know. Are there world champion bridge players who smoke cigarettes, eat at McDonald's and close the bar after the evening session? Sure. So maybe it's about knowing what's best for yourself.

We recovered, somewhat, and finished sixth overall. Still not bad. I think we were all fairly pleased. As Paul said, "It was an enjoyable event, with great opposition. We played the winning team twice. Intense two days."

Next up was the event which we had come all this way for.

I personally love the North American events. It's guaranteed you're going to play people from all around the country. Most are friendly and welcoming, and you know what you're up against in terms of skill. Sure, there's a wide range in flights B and C, but you can be fairly certain you aren't

running into Meckwell unless you're playing in flight A. Maybe I'll get to write about that one day.

Paul and I had three average sessions and were something like 23rd going into the final. Honestly, I had all but written us off since a few pairs had posted 60+% games. But although that was true, they had roller-coastered and had below average results, too. At least we were consistent. It was a mistake to think there wasn't a chance to win, and in fact, had I done better on this board we would have won.

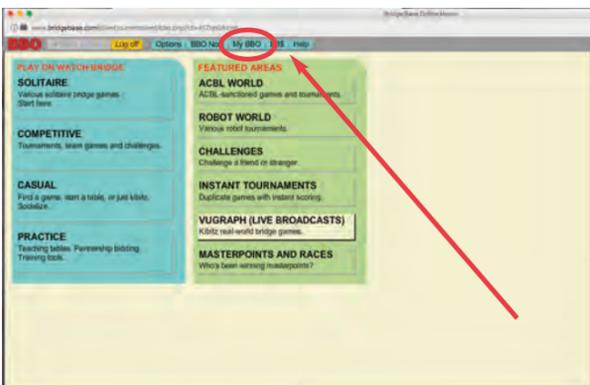
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♣ J 8

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♣ K 10 6 3 ♣ A Q 9 7 5 2
♠ A J 10 6 5
♥ K 9 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ 4

Sitting North, I dealt and passed. My LHO opened 3♣ and Paul doubled. My RHO, after some thought, bid 5♣. It's my call. I could double, pass, or bid 5♠.

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Navigating BBO – part 2: convention cards



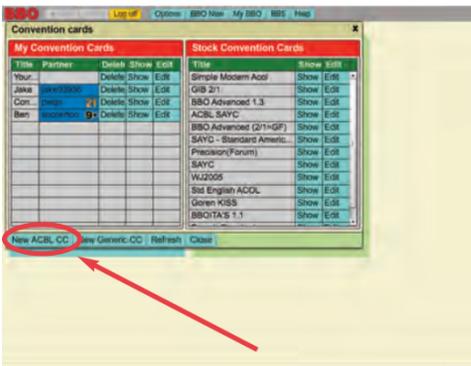
1 After logging in, click on the My BBO button in the top row. A dropdown menu will appear as shown at right.



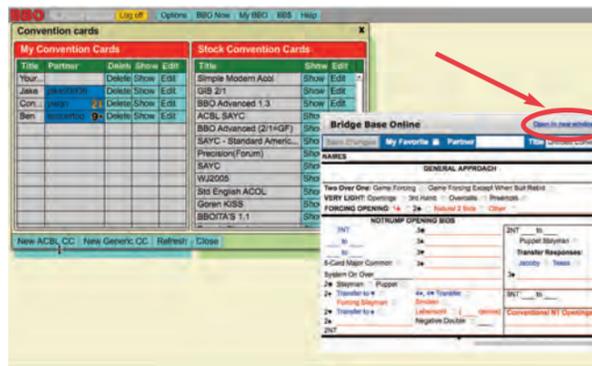
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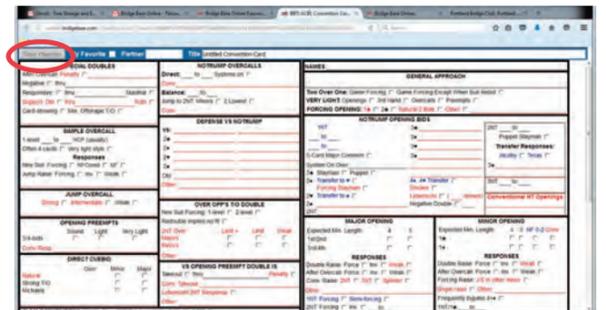
3 Click on the line for Convention cards. The Convention cards window will appear.



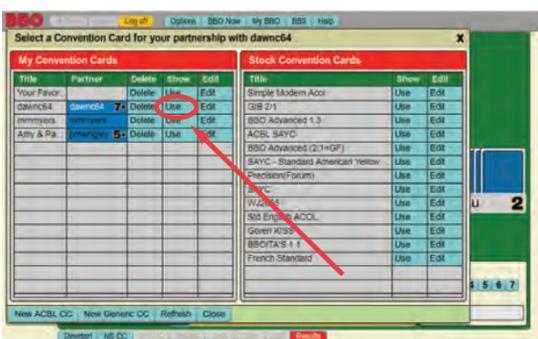
4 To create a convention card for you and your partner, click on New ACBL CC at the bottom left of the window.



5 A blank convention card will pop up in a smaller window. You can begin filling out now or, to expand it, click "Open in new window."



6 Click each blank line on the convention card to place a cursor, then enter the appropriate information for you and your partner. When the card is complete, click the "Save changes" button at top left.



7 When you are playing with a partner for whom you have filled out a convention card, BBO should load it automatically as soon as you are both at the table. If it does not, open the Convention Cards window in My BBO, find the appropriate card and click "Use."



8 When opponents are at the table and they or BBO have loaded their convention card, you can view it by clicking either NS CC or EW CC in the row at the bottom of the playing window.



9 The opponents' convention card will appear in a pop-up window. You can find what you want to know, or click Open in a new window if you want to keep it open in case you need to refer to it later.



THE GREAT POTATO REGIONAL

Aug. 6-12, 2018



SCHEDULE

MONDAY AUGUST 6

7 p.m.Charity Pairs
(part of Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series, 1 of 6)
7 p.m.Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

TUESDAY AUGUST 7

9 a.m.Snake River Knockout Teams
(winners continue at 9 on Wednesday & Thursday)
9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
1 p.m.City of Trees Knockout Teams
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Wednesday)
1 & 7 p.m.Open Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m.Boise Side Game Series (1 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Ontario Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (2 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
1 & 7 p.m.Open Three Strat Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m.Boise Side Game Series (2 of 5)
7 p.m.Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (3 of 6)

THURSDAY AUGUST 9

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
1 p.m.Treasure Valley Knockout Teams
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Friday)
1 & 7 p.m.Open Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m.Boise Side Game Series (3 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Shoshone Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (4 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

FRIDAY AUGUST 10

9 a.m.Sawtooth Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)
(all teams to continue at 9 on Saturday)
9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
1 & 7 p.m.Open Three Strat Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m.Boise Side Game Series (4 of 5)
7 p.m.Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (5 of 6)

SATURDAY AUGUST 11

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
1 p.m.Hells Canyon Compact Knockout Teams
(winners continue at 7)
1 & 7 p.m.Open Three Strat Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m.Boise Side Game Series (5 of 5)
7 p.m.Lewis and Clark Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series (6 of 6)

SUNDAY AUGUST 12

10 a.m. & TBA.....Strati-flighted Swiss Teams AXY
10 a.m. & TBA.....Strati-flighted Swiss Teams BCD



TABLE FEES

ACBL members, \$12; non- and unpaid, \$16; under age 25, \$5



LOCATION

Wyndham Garden, Boise Airport
3300 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705
(208) 343-4900

Conveniently located at the Gateway to the city, the Wyndham Garden Hotel is the only full service hotel in the Boise Airport area. Free daily airport shuttle 5am-10pm. Free parking.

RATES: \$85 single; \$93 multiple occupancy; includes breakfast buffet. Prices guaranteed through July 22, 2018.

RESERVATIONS: Call (208) 343-4900. Ask for Wyndham Garden, and tell them you are with the ACBL. Visit ACBLD20.org for updated information regarding online reservations.

DIRECTIONS: From I-84E, take exit #53, Vista Ave. Slight left onto Vista Ave. The hotel is on the right.



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STRATIFICATIONS

Open Three Strat Pairs:
A: 2000+, B: 1250-2000, C: 0-1250.
Gold Point Pairs:
A: 300-750, B: 200-300, C: 0-200.
Open Stratified Pairs:
A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750.
299er Stratified Pairs:
A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50.
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams AXY: (20 vp)
A: 4000+, X: 2500-4000, Y: 0-2500
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams BCD: (20 vp)
B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500.

♥ Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
♠ Midchart Conventions allowed in stand alone Flight AXY & top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings allowed in all events.
♣ One bracket KO may be handicapped.
♥ Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events.
♦ Speakers, Mini-lessons, Prize Beads, Party!



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Hawaii: Software engineer prepares to welcome players to ‘fiercely easygoing’ tournament site

Larry Deanneau with his wife, Maureen O’Connell, on the beach in Hawaii. At the University of Hawaii, Dennau leads a telescope project that looks for hazardous asteroids. In his spare time he plays bridge, something he looks forward to doing at the upcoming Fall NABC in Honolulu.



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A Bronze Life Master, Denneau has been playing bridge for about 30 years, the last 14 of which have been in Hawaii. Denneau actually spent his early childhood on the island, where his dad was in the Navy. Denneau mostly grew up in Tucson, where the family moved when his dad retired. Denneau worked there for many years as a software engineer and consultant.

In 2003 he was drawn back to Hawaii for a job on an astronomy project at the University of Hawaii, where he remains today.

“I loved astronomy as a kid, so this was a chance to scratch an old childhood itch and try something new,” Denneau says. He is now leading a telescope project called ATLAS that looks for hazardous asteroids.

And while he’s only played in four or five NABC tournaments over the years, he’s especially excited about attending one in his hometown.

“Hawaii is a real melting pot of cultures. It’s a fascinating mix of different people

and food and languages,” Denneau says.

So what should you know before you visit? First, understand the lifestyle, which Denneau describes as “fiercely easygoing.”

“The Aloha Spirit is a real thing — be kind and respectful to others,” he says.

“People here love also food and celebrations, and when you are guest of honor for any kind of event, the aloha shirts and leis really make you feel special.”

Denneau points up the potential for non-bridge-playing companions. “They can relax or explore the island while you’re playing bridge,” he says.

“As a visitor, it’s worth it to get away from the highly commercial areas to get off the beaten path and check out other parts of the island,” he explains. “There are amazing finds all over the island — art, food, beautiful landscapes, hula — and it will be less expensive and more laid back than what you find in Waikiki.”

And maybe the best reason of all to venture to the Hawaii NABC, in Denneau’s opinion, is to help the Hawaiian bridge



The Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort is the site of this year’s Fall NABC, Nov. 22–Dec. 2

community thrive.

“We know that it can be difficult and expensive to get to Hawaii, but this year our organizing committee is working really hard to bring the hospitality for this

NABC,” Denneau says. “For inexperienced tournament players, we will have special events and prizes to make sure they have a great time and come back to future NABCs.”

Perhaps the only downfall of attending the Hawaii NABC is potential distractions, Denneau says. “We joke that we pray for rain during our tournaments so that the bridge players stay inside to play.”

Where: Busy director, active player find the perfect launching pad for their bridge travels in Boise

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thought he retired when they run into him at regionals.

Though we don’t see him as much, Gram’s directing hasn’t slowed down a bit — it just shifted east. While he still directs more regionals in District 20 than any other, when the sectionals are counted he spends most of his work days in District 18. Though tournament sites in Utah and Montana are farther from Boise than his old jobs were from Salem, travel convenience is one of the key factors they enjoy about Boise.

“We’re very comfortable,” Gram said. “It’s the right size. We can walk to the blue field at Boise State.”

“Boise has been very welcoming to us,” St. Thomas said. “Our house is easy to maintain. It’s easy to get to the highway, it’s easy to get to the airport. We don’t have to spend all that time on the freeway. We just have a lot more time to do and to go.”

Originally from St. Louis, Gram learned bridge at the University of Missouri, where he graduated in journalism in 1970. A few years later he moved to Salem to work for the Statesman-Journal as a copy editor and business writer, which he did for about nine years before quitting to focus on bridge.

St. Thomas came from a small town in northern Idaho, Orofino, and learned bridge at home. After graduating from the University of Oregon, she taught elementary school for seven years in eastern Oregon and on the coast, then went back to Orofino and worked as a librarian for six years before going to law school at the University of Idaho.

She went back to Oregon in the mid-’80s and worked in the Marion County counsel’s office. She started playing duplicate



Once a regular presence at tournaments throughout District 20, John Gram and Suzanne St. Thomas moved to Boise in 2015, and players in much of the district now see them mainly at regionals. “I haven’t missed many District 20 regionals in the past 20 years,” Gram said.

then and played in her first tournament the weekend after taking the bar, winning the Tony Glynn Novice Pairs.

Though St. Thomas sometimes played at the Salem Bridge Club, where Gram was the manager, their first conversation took place at the 1986 Medford Regional, when Gram was District 20’s tournament manager. She wanted to play in North

American Pairs Flight C and wanted to know if the club planned to hold any qualifying games.

“He said no, so I had to go to another club to qualify, but I won a trip to Anaheim,” she said.

After a breakup forced her to find a new home quickly, St. Thomas rented a room in Gram’s large, old house. In 1991, the

same year Gram became a tournament director, they got married on New Year’s Eve during the Reno Regional. The wedding was a surprise to St. Thomas.

“He tricked me!” St. Thomas says.

“I said I’d take her to get coffee,” Gram explains. “The marriage line was shorter than the buffet line.”

“We went to check out the line,” St. Thomas says.

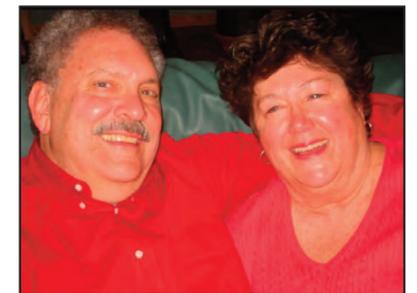
“Before I got my coffee, I was married. It wasn’t planned.”

“We had talked about it,” Gram counters. “I told her she’d save on her 1991 taxes if we got married before the end of year. Maybe I talked her into it that day.”

They left Reno separately.

St. Thomas opened her own law practice in 1992 and maintained it until retiring in 2006.

When they started playing bridge together in 1989, Gram had 1800 masterpoints and St. Thomas less than 100. But directing limited Gram’s playing time significantly — about five to 10 tournament sessions a year, when he happens to get a



Gram and St. Thomas married in Reno in 1991.

session off or is needed to fill in. Now St. Thomas leads him in masterpoints 7000 to 4000. She plays much more, traveling to many of the same tournaments he works, especially those within driving distance.

“We talk about going to a tournament to play all the time,” Gram said. The last time he did was the 2012 Puerto Vallarta regional. They make it to club games in Boise and Nampa a couple times a month.

There’s much else to do, St. Thomas explains. “We go to a lot of plays, concerts, we go out dancing. If we’re in town, we’re either having dinner or going out some place.”

After discovering a bocce course at the park behind their house, St. Thomas invited bridge friends to form a bocce team, which they play every Tuesday night from May through September when they’re in town. She describes the game as like lawn bowling, involving trying to hit an oyster shell onto a concrete block. It’s a social thing and a way to enjoy the summer weather, which is warmer than people unfamiliar with Boise might expect.

“We’re always planning what we’re going to do next,” St. Thomas says. “That makes life a lot more exciting.”

Regionals: Boise recommendations

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the best Italian food she has ever had, and **George** and **Nancy Crawford** loved the experience and the food at the Barbacoa Grill. You can check out these and other great restaurants in the Boise area.

The playing site is the Wyndham Garden Hotel near the Boise Airport. Book your reservations at 208-343-4900.

Three sessions are scheduled each day at 9, 1 and 7. There are events especially designed for the growing number of newer players with Intermediate/Newcomer games scheduled every day.

Newer players also can enter open events and test their skills against players with more experience. Experienced players will often say that playing “up” helped improve their game. Regionals are a great place to learn, to practice your new skills and earn gold points.

Judy Stauffer is the local chair for the tournament, and **Margi Redden** will host another I/N party. **Jeff Jacob** is the director in charge.

For more information, contact **Jim Wheeler**, tournament manager, at jim-pamw@yahoo.com or 503-860-0563.

Rowe: Budget, transparency are focus

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“I was lucky enough to be blessed with a variety of partners who were helpful and kind,” notes Laurie. “I managed to get to enough tournaments to become a Life Master by age 25, although family derailed me from much bridge soon after that. My father really played a lot of duplicate and was always up for bridge with me when I had time. As I went through my divorce 12 years ago, I started playing more bridge at clubs and tournaments. I found many new friends and truly enjoyed the challenge of the game.”

Laurie ended up on her local unit board, Eugene, and eventually served a couple of terms and as president of unit. She was approached about running for Area 8 representative four years ago and in serving on the board realized how many people give back so much to this district.

“I believe the board needs to be transparent in their actions and be fiscally responsible to all members,” she said. “While the major job of the district is running regionals, I think the lifeblood of the district are the clubs. I recently visited the Portland Bridge Club and was so excited to see a beginners’ class of 22 people and the average age was probably 45 or 50. In addition there were seven tables in a 49er game. We all want this game to grow and



Laurie Rowe of Eugene stepped up as D20’s new president after Sam Asai resigned in February.

this, to me, is the way to grow the game.” Laurie’s fresh perspective and appreciation for learning, teaching, and growing the game will be an asset to all of us. President Laurie Rowe can be reached at District20pres@gmail.com.

Vilhauer: District must choose charities

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Spring NABC at the goodwill dinner. It was a very big honor for Nelda. Congratulations.

Board business

The board adopted a new set of convention charts, named Basic, Basic+, Open and Open+. The allowable conventions within each group have been redefined. This work was done by the Competitions and Conventions Committee over the past few years.

The gold portion of masterpoints in NLM regionals was increased from 25% to 33%.

NAP and GNT awards are increased at the district final level.

The preliminary budget was presented at the fall meeting in San Diego and revisited in Philly for final approval. One of the big items was to reduce the dependency on the AS400 computer systems currently used in Horn Lake. The programs will be moved to cloud-based technology and finish Phase II of the Customer Relationship Management system. Also, the ACBL is making a significant (\$200,000) investment in tournament director training.

NAP D20 stars

Four pairs representing District 20 made overalls in the North American Pairs in Philadelphia. **John Ashton** and **Jon Bartlett** were eighth in Flight A. **Amy Casanova** and **Paul Wrigley** fifth Flight B. **Arun Savara** and **Alan Kosansky** were 15th in Flight B. **Roger Thomas** and **Jon Gassaway** were second in Flight C.

CEO fired

Bahar Gidwani, chief executive officer of the ACBL, was relieved of his duties, according to ACBL President Jay Whipple.

The board appointed Chief Financial Officer Joe Jones to fill the role of acting executive director until a successor is named. A search committee has been formed and work is under way to fill the position.

Charity funds

Every five years D20 is allocated \$30,000 from the national Charity Foundation. We can divide that amount among at most seven charities. I will send out a letter to all the units with further details and then I will have a small group help me decide how to allocate the funds.

If I can answer any questions, or if you just want to pass along news or suggestions, you can contact me at district20-director@acbl.org.

District director **Merlin Vilhauer** can be reached at district20director@acbl.org.

NABC results

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In regional events, Gibson won a two-session A/X Swiss the first Sunday; Kosansky won a Daylight Compact Knockout the second Saturday; and **Tom** and **Suzy Ryder** of Boise placed second in B in the Wednesday Daylight Open Pairs.

Bridge blast from the past

As ‘Ask John’ ends, Ashton shares ‘66 moment of fame

By **John Ashton**
The Trumpet

While recently looking in our attic for something else, Marie found a Sept. 19, 1966, article from The Indianapolis News written by Easley Blackwood — yes, the author of the ace-asking convention.

It featured a hand played by my mother and me in an inter-city match against Cincinnati. It demonstrates some of the differences in bidding between then and now.

Here is Blackwood’s article:

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

In some quarters the Indianapolis team was given a poor chance of defeating the powerful Cincinnati team in a match played there last month. On the basis of masterpoints held, they out-ranked our players by a wide margin.

Overlooked was the fact that the Indianapolis team had won the right to play the hard way, by competing against tough competition over 112 hands played at the Blackwood Bridge Center. The Cincinnati team was hand-picked according to their reputation.

Our team won by the overwhelming score of 110 IMPs. We took the lead on the very first hand and the issue was never in doubt. Indianapolis adopted the “bid ‘em up” style which is so effective at IMPs.

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Vul: N-S ♥AK1085
♦K87642
♣2

♠J10964 ♠KQ832
♥QJ96 ♥52
♦10 ♦9
♣AK7 ♣Q10854

♠A7
♥43
♦AQJ83
♣J963

When George Kerr of Indianapolis held the West cards, he opened 1♠. Cincinnati’s Ray Zoller overcalled 2♥, no doubt hoping to bid diamonds later. Lil Falender jumped to 4♠, which was doubled by Jeff Israelsky. The defense took their obvious



John Ashton

four tricks, so Kerr-Falender were minus 100.

When the hand was played in the other room, Marge Ashton, partnered by her son John, held the North hand. The Cincinnati player sitting West chose not to open and the Ashtons demonstrated their version of the “bid ‘em up” strategy with the following uncontested auction.

| | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 6♦ |

Although her side held only 22 high card points, Mrs. Ashton had no trouble winning 12 tricks for plus 1370 or 15 IMPs.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

In 2018, a majority of players would open the West hand because of the favorable vulnerability, adequate defense and hearts as a second suit. A Michaels cuebid, showing hearts and an unknown minor, would be the popular choice after an opponent’s 1♠ opening.

My 2NT was mid-’60s standard, albeit a little light, showing an opening hand with stoppers, as Jacoby 2NT was in its infancy. Believe it or not, 3♥ over partner’s 1♥ would have been the forcing raise.

My leap to slam was a demonstration of youthful exuberance, a condition that, trust me, is in short supply today. Leave it to Mom to hold the perfect hand!

The Oregon Coast Regional *at Seaside*

SCHEDULE

MONDAY October 1

7 p.m.Seaside Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 9, 1 & 7 on Tues.)
7 p.m.Stratified Charity Swiss Teams
7 p.m.Stratified Open Charity Pairs
(part of Evening Side Game Series) (1 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs

TUESDAY October 2

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.Gearhart Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Wed.)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Razor Clam Gold Pairs**
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

WEDNESDAY October 3

9 a.m.Morning Stratified Swiss Teams
(continues at 9 on Thur.)
9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.Astoria Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Thur.)
1 & 7 p.m.Two Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m.Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 2000)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Coho Gold Pairs**
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

THURSDAY October 4

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.Lewis and Clark Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Fri.)
1 & 7 p.m.Two Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m.Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 2000)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Chinook Gold Pairs**
(Thursday continues - see next column)

THURSDAY October 4 (continued)

1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

FRIDAY October 5

9 a.m.Morning Stratified Swiss Teams
(continues at 9 on Sat.)
9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.Sand Dollar Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Sat.)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Oyster Gold Pairs**
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

SATURDAY October 6

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.Jellyfish Compact KOs
(winners continue at 7)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Steelhead Gold Pairs**
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

SUNDAY October 7

10 a.m. & TBA ...Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & TBA*Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.Stratified Fast Pairs

♦ *Lowest brackets will include 299er and 0-750 teams. Gold points in every bracket!

October 1-7, 2018

Seaside Convention Center
415 1st Ave., Seaside, OR

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

- ♦ Saturday prize games.
- ♦ Between session party.
- ♦ Tips for Tops: Daily speakers 6:15 p.m.
- ♦ Mini-Classes: Wed. - Sat., 12 - 12:30 p.m.
- ♦ Morning 299er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 299er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Evening 299er Pairs Mon. - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 99er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Gold Pairs daily Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Gold point opportunity on Sunday in the lower brackets of the 2-session Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams.
- ♦ Prize beads.

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STRATIFICATIONS

Stratified Open Events:

A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Three Strat Open Pairs:

A: 3000+; B: 1500-3000; C: 0-1500

Two Strat Open Pairs:

A: 3000+; B: 0-3000

Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 2000):

A: 1250-2000; B: 0-1250

Gold Pairs (Under 750):

A: 300-750; B: 200-300; C: 0-200

♦ 299er Events (Under 300):

A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100

♦ 99er Events (Under 100):

A: 50-100; B: 20-50; C: 0-20

Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams:

A: 4000+; X: 2500-4000; Y: 0-2500

(plays alone; 20 VP).

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:

0-2000 (no player over 2000); teams

play in groups of 7-9 by MP average;

gold points in each bracket; (20 VP).

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
- Midchart conventions allowed in Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss, Two Strat Open Pairs, and top bracket of KOs (except compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings are allowed in all events.
- One bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
- ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events.

TABLE FEES: ACBL members \$12; lapsed ACBL members \$16; under age 26, \$5. Temporary memberships available at venue.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- **THE INN AT SEASIDE:** Across the street; free breakfast; \$99-\$119; 1-800-699-5070.
- **RIVER INN AT SEASIDE:** Riverfront; 1 block; 503-717-5744; \$109-\$129.
- **RIVERTIDES SUITES:** Riverfront condo hotel; ½ block; free breakfast & evening reception; call hotel for rates. 1-877-871-8433.
- **SHILO OCEANFRONT RESORT:** Oceanfront; 2 blocks; \$98-\$185; 800-222-2244 or 503-738-9571. Cutoff date: 9/10/2018.
- **SHILO EAST:** ½ mile; continental breakfast; 503-738-0549. Call for rates.
- **BEST WESTERN OCEANVIEW RESORT:** Oceanfront; 4 blocks; 1-800-234-8439. Call for rates.
- **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS:** Riverfront; ½ block; free breakfast; 503-717-8000. Call for rates.
- **OTHER CHOICES:** Seaside has many charming small hotels, bed & breakfasts, condos and houses to rent. www.SeasideOR.com.

AROUND THE UNITS

Fall sectional adds 99er events; new program

When the leaves begin to turn, so will the cards, as bridge players from throughout District 20 and beyond congregate for the Rogue Fall Sectional, this year scheduled for Sept. 14-16.

Held during one of the most beautiful seasons of Southern Oregon, the tournament is sited at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix, just south of Medford at 4149 S. Pacific Highway.

"Not only do we get to show off our beautiful, sunny autumn weather, we also are becoming famous for our hospitality," said tourney chair John Cowles.

"Our Unit 484 folks are the most friendly around, and they help us provide one of the nicest spreads of sweet and savory snacks and treats you'll find at a bridge tournament."



John Cowles

Cowles also noted that bridge center operators Mark and Leah McKechnie are hosting a reception after the Friday afternoon session, offering refreshments and libations.

The tournament has adopted early start times of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for daily sessions. The second session start time is a half hour earlier than it has been in past years. "That leaves more time after bridge to explore the area, check out the wineries, or have a leisurely evening dinner," Cowles said.

Sessions on Friday, Sept. 14, are all single sessions, with open and 299er sections. There will be 99er, 299er and open pairs sessions on



Jackson County
♣♦♥♠
By Jim Flint
www.unit484.org

Saturday. Even though the open pairs is a play-through, single session tickets will be available. Sunday's Swiss Teams start at 10. A lunch will be available on site prior to the second session.

Steve Kaessner is tourney director and Gee Gee Walker is partnerships chair. To find a partner or fill out a team, contact her at 541-292-3474 or at ggwalker@gmail.com. See the D20 website or page 7 for more details and player fees.

Masterpoint unit leaders

The top four masterpoint winners for Unit 484 in 2017 were **Jim Lopes**, 206; **Molly Tinsley**, 175; **Jim Flint**, 163; and **Gee Gee Walker**, 111. Points include those won in all competitions, club games on up.

Off to a quick start this year, leading their respective masterpoint categories in the Mini-McKenney race for the first quarter, are Karen Blake, Don Martin, Ken Korth, Judd Robbins, Marion Gribben, Everett Anderson, Jacqueline Parrish, Edwin Miller, David Bryant, Jim Lopes, Gee Gee Walker, Molly Tinsley, and Rodney Paxton.

Mentors help wean newbies into open game

Leah McKechnie operates day games at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center on Wednesdays and Fridays. To improve flagging attendance at the games, she launched a mentoring program in late March.

"We have two very strong communities of bridge players in the Rogue Valley,"

McKechnie said. "However, for the most part they have been two separate groups — the 299ers and below playing in their own games and the open players in theirs. We need some way to join the two groups for the bridge community to survive."

She adopted a mentor program from ACBL, from which she obtained handouts, registration forms and information for mentors and mentees.

By mid-April she had 13 mentors and mentees participating.

"I am hoping other players sign up to participate. Two people who have regular games with each other play with mentees on those days."

The group has held problem-solving sessions for mentees, with special recognition for the solvers.

Bob Fox, who runs 299er games on Thursday, supports the program and helping to recruit mentees from his game.

The unit has been running pro-am pairs and team games for a couple years to help introduce the two groups to each other. McKechnie's program is designed to take that effort to a higher level.

Before the program started, there were as few as five tables in play some weeks. Lately, the game has grown to an average of about eight.

Big games: On April 5, **Bob & Jill Wolcott** won with 75%; on April 19, **Jim Flint** and **Robert Scott** scored 71.5% to top a field of 15 pairs; and on April 23, **David McKee** and **Gee Gee Walker** scored 71.1%.



Klamath Falls

♣♦♥♠
By Bobby Thompson

www.unit482.com

Snowbirds return to us, pickleball

Summer has arrived and our dwindling number of snowbirds are back to play bridge, golf, tennis and pickleball. Yes, pickleball is the fastest newcomer game around. Maybe we should have a round of PB. before we shuffle, deal and play. It would help get us in the fast lane at the club.

We lost another player when **Marjorie Narramore** passed away in February. Marge split her time between Klamath Falls and Southern California. We will miss her and her best friend **Don Messner**, who will return to California.

John and Judy Woodward have moved to Connecticut. John taught Air Force ROTC at Henley High School for several years and will do the same in Connecticut. The Woodwards have lots of family back east and in Canada. We wish them well in their new adventure. So if you know of some players that play pickleball and bridge, send them our way!

Only one big game to report during the second quarter as **Carol McClure** and **Laila Griffith** tossed a 73.2% game against the field. That helped the ladies lead the quarterly point parade with Ed McClure rounding out the top three. Leading the non-Life Master contingent again was **Dale Taylor** followed by **Ethel Rust** and **Jo Ann Koenig**.

The High Desert Regional has come and gone along with neighboring sectional tournaments; however, I want to give a shoutout to my high school classmate from Klamath Union **Nelda Linman** for the honor she received from ACBL as national Goodwill Member of the Year on March 12 at the Spring NABC in Philadelphia. She has always been a go-getter, so it isn't surprising to me. She was yell queen in high school and the nicest girl you ever meet with that million-dollar personality. Congrats, Nelda. It was well deserved for all you do for District 20 and your unit.

Results

Club Championship, Feb. 8 — 1A: Carol McClure — Bobby Thompson; 2A/1B: Ed McClure — Duane Weiss; 2B/1C: Dale Taylor — Patti Collom.

Unit Game, Feb. 11 — 1A: Randall Paul — Jan McClellan; 2A/1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp; 3A/2B/1C: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust.

Unit Game, March 11 — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 2A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 3A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson. 1B/1C: John & Judy Woodward; 2B: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust.

Unit Game, Apr. 8 — 1A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 3A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson; 1B: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust; 2-3B: Patti Collom — Jo Ann Siebecke, Rosella Wilde — Reid Sherwin.



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club
♣♦♥♠
By Debbie Grasham

Free lessons are again a draw

We have lots of news from Brookings. First, we are sad to pass along that **Gen Wilson** died in March.

Gen was a Bronze Life Master and well loved by the bridge community. She was very enthusiastic about bridge and consistently encouraged players to give bridge a try. She will be sorely missed.



Genevieve Wilson

Secondly, we again offered free bridge lessons over four Saturdays in April and May. We have had a great response from the community every time we offered the classes.

We also offered slightly more advanced lessons at the same time for newer players who want to get into more topics than can be covered in the four weeks of beginner lessons.

Several of the people who have taken our classes have joined the ACBL and we have many new players who are coming regularly to our weekly games. We have also added a monthly sanctioned newcomer's game.

Lastly, a big game in the Pacific States S1aC: **Pat & Susan O'Neil** scored 72.9%.

Grants Pass

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This unit is without a reporter.

Eureka reveals plan to boost sectional



Eureka
♣♦♥♠
By Frederica Aalto
www.acbld20.org/unit458

Summer is nearly upon us, so it is time to mark your calendar for the Eureka Sectional, Sept. 7-9. Here are four reasons you shouldn't miss this event:

1. Full meals are offered at each game.
2. Early reservers have a chance for some free lodging.
3. You'll enjoy mild weather. Yes, you can escape the heat in our lovely sea breezes.
4. There is a catered finale party on Sunday at a venue with stupendous ocean views.

So you see, this is more than great bridge, it's a real vacation!

It will be held at the Ocean View Mobile Home Park in McKinleyville. See the ad



A view from Eureka, Calif.

on page 6 for more information.

In other news from our club, we are missing **Bob Lorensen**, who is languishing due to poor health. On the up side, we welcome **Aleen Arbaugh** and **Robert Spaulding**, newer players on the scene.

We are also glad to see **Bob King's** cheery face with a certain regularity these days. Please help us to make these people feel welcome, as they definitely add to our game.

Newcomer club raises masterpoint limit to 500

The Bend unit represents some of the best of what the central Oregon community has to offer. The clubs comprising the unit offer a diverse spectrum of bridge playing opportunities. Far beyond that, the clubs foster new friendships, comfort and support for those members facing difficulties and a tradition of community involvement.

One of the four clubs here is the Ace of Hearts Club, run by **Judy Davidson**. The game was originally for players with under 200 points. It has just been expanded to welcome non-Life Masters under 500 points. She was determined. Judy first wanted to start a group for aspiring players in 2004. It took several false starts with different ap-



Bend/Redmond
♣♦♥♠
By Ken Waskom
www.bendbridge.org

proaches before her dream was realized in 2015.

When the Ace of Hearts game began, about five tables per week was common. Now, nine to 12 tables are the norm. The game is held on Tuesdays at 12:30 at The Golden Age Club.

The Bend unit was well represented at the recent regional tournament in Vancou-

ver with players enjoying notable success. Our best team result came from the pairings of **Rich Gettmann** and **Rosemary Segall** with **Mike Thurlow** and **Jim Hurlburt**, who won one evening Swiss and 1B in two others. Thurlow won nearly 30 masterpoints.

A big thanks to our outgoing unit president, **Frank Larson**, and team. Much effort goes in to running a single game, not to mention the ongoing work to maintain the clubs. **Joy Jones** in particular deserves many thanks for acquiring and setting up the refreshments for the Cascade Bridge Club.

Big game: **Ken Hadlock** and **Ray Teller** scored a 75% playing at the Ace of Hearts.

AROUND THE UNITS



Seaside/ Astoria/Illwaco

By Capt. James Bernard
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Mayor honors player's birthday

What an eventful chapter in this unit's quarter! We had a Swiss team game, a regional/sectional celebration, some sadness and more.

Top local masterpoint winners at the I/N regional: **John Curtis**, 8.15; **Sharon Cummings**, 2.81; **Larry Marshall**, 2.78. Top local sectional masterpoint winners: **Larry Sullivan**, 21.10; **Jon Gustafson**, 21.10.

A special thank you is in order for **Sue Kroning** and her helpers who made it such a successful event.

Veteran player **Marion Blake** celebrated her 100th birthday in great style with cake and singing at the Astoria Country Club, all with a spectacular Hawaiian theme.

All guests received an aloha welcome with colorful leis placed around their necks. Guests were treated with libations and sumptuous



Marion Blake

Hawaiian-style treats. There was a hula dancer with a musical group rounding out the theme. **Vern Fowler**, unit president, presented Marion with the Golden Age Master award. And Seaside Mayor Jay Barber designated the next day as Marion Blake Day in Seaside. She started playing bridge at the age of 25 and attributes her longevity to "good genes, red wine, dark chocolate, being with the ones you love, and great friends."

On a sad note, **Marian Sinz**, a longtime player in Seaside, passed away in Alaska surrounded by family.

Ray Lowe, director and owner of the Seaside Bridge Club, turned the club over to the members. Ray is appreciated, not only for his directing but for all of his help in making all the boards.

We will soon be saying goodbye to the following members: **Sue Boyle**, moving to Arizona; **Jack Bland**, to California; **Don and Molly Ziessler**, to Portland; and **Carol Domenighi**, to Portland. And we offer a special welcome to the following

Continued on next page

New sectional site sought; PBC completes move



Portland

By Martha Maroney
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Portland Unit 487 celebrated spring early with new board members, new and improved club lodging, and an ongoing search for a new venue for 2019 sectionals.

At the March 25 election party, 27 tables of players welcomed incoming board members **Monte Garrett** and **Nely Johnson** and said farewell to retiring members **Nancy Jonske** (after six years of service, most of that time as president) and **Jan Clemmons** (most recently board secretary and Trumpet unit reporter).

At the new board's first meeting and officer election, **Ron Root** was named president and membership chair; **Kristin Steinmetz**, vice president and marketing and education chair; **George O'Leary**, secretary; Johnson, event coordinator; Garrett, hospitality co-chair



Monte Garrett



Nely Johnson



The Portland Bridge Club moved into the Lloyd Center in March.

(with **Deanne Takasumi**); and **Nancy Swanson**, partnership chair.

New digs and games

The election party took place at the Portland Bridge Club's brand-new permanent home on the third floor at Lloyd Center, the move having been celebrated earlier in March with a 44-table event. In late April, the club began a regular Saturday afternoon 199er event alongside its open game with seven tables of players competing in the inaugural game.

Across town, the Ace of Clubs renovated its quarters by expanding playing space, giving players more elbow room at regular events and accommodating more tables at big ones. The space will come in handy when the club marks its 41st anniversary with a game and catered dinner to follow on June 23.

Search under way for new tourney home

Montgomery Park in northwest Portland has hosted unit sectionals since January 2017 and provides much to like: easily accessible location, well-functioning air-conditioning and heating systems and a nicely soundproofed room. For 2018 events, however, games had to be limited to Saturday and Sunday because of a Friday parking problem.

Unit players want three full days of sectional play, so board members continue to seek a new location for 2019 events and beyond. They welcome suggestions.

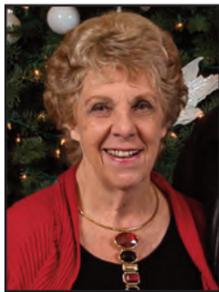
Yocom has been directing at VBC for ages

We are honoring our directors in this column, starting with **Jan Yocom**.

Jan is from St. Louis and has two children from her first marriage. She has worked with the Social Security Administration and was the first female manager when she was transferred to Portland in 1967. She also worked for the Bonneville Power Administration.

Jan was first introduced to bridge in high school and played with a couples group until she divorced her first husband. She then looked for a local bridge club and found out all she didn't know about the game!

She met her second husband, Jim, at the bridge club. She started directing in Vancouver, and in 1999 she and Jim bought the Eastside Bridge Club. The Vancouver Bridge Club board gave their



Jan Yocom



Vancouver/ Longview

By Ginny Griffiths

www.acbld20.org/vbc

permission for her to continue directing at Vancouver also.

Jan and Jim sold the Eastside Bridge Club after almost 10 years and Jan had an opportunity to direct sanctioned games at the Multnomah Athletic Club and the Town Club. She enjoys the personalities and the challenge of directing these activities.

She also provides a yummy homemade dessert at all her games.

Upcoming event

The ACBL is an inaugural partner with the Alzheimer's Association for the Longest Day promotion and has raised over \$3.5 million in the last five years. We had a great turnout last year with 43 tables. Let's make this year even greater. Put June 22 on your calendar!

Longview news

Longview has two new members: **Randy Forest** and **Nancy Lotsbaich**.

They want to acknowledge director **Shawn Warren** who has been directing just a couple of years. She has been sharing duties with **Rita Fontaine** for the Monday games. Unfortunately Shawn and her husband Tom with their son Wyatt are planning to move to the Phoenix area this summer. The suburb they are moving to doesn't have a bridge club and they are hoping to start one there.

Shawn has been an active promoter at Longview, having special games with prizes to keep things lively, and she is teaching newbies at weekly get-togethers. We will greatly miss the Warrens and wish them well in their new adventures.

Seaside Sectional results

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs — 1A: J. Jay Roll – Connie Marfell; 2A: John Bartlett – Robert Johnson; 3A: Don Lowry – Lynne Shaeffer.

Saturday Open Pairs — 1A: L. Sullivan – Jon Gustafson; 2A: Merlin Vilhauer – Richard Carle; 3A: Gene Fomin – Sandra Robson.

2018-19 North American Pairs ACBL District 20

Win a subsidized trip to Memphis, Tenn.! Three or four pairs in each flight will earn the privilege to compete at the spring NABCs NAP Finals, March 21-31, 2019!

NAP club qualifying games are held in June, July, and August. Two such games per sanctioned session are permitted: each pay ½ Red-½ Black masterpoints at sectional rating. Players qualify as individuals and can form new partnerships for the D20 Finals. Check with your club for dates of qualifying games.

District 20 Finals

The District 20 NAP Finals are online at various sites around the district Oct. 20-21.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Look on the ACBL website for additional details, including the Conditions of Contest, at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>. Or, contact the district NAP Coordinator Hal Montgomery at dewitt@imaginata.com, phone (503) 583-3717.

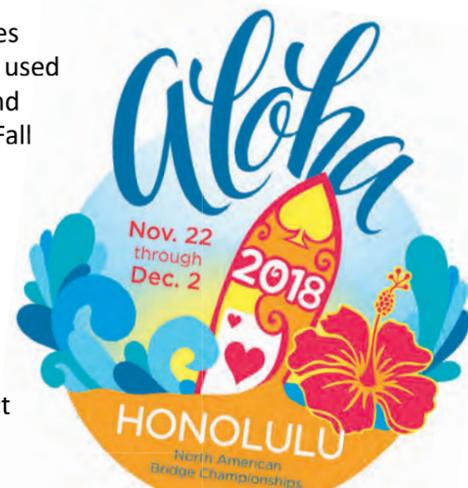
NABC Fundraiser Games!

July 2-8 2018

Funds raised from these games throughout District 20 will be used for NABC player hospitality and entertainment at the Hawaii Fall NABCs in 2018!

Each club is encouraged to run a game for each sanctioned session, with \$4 per table going to the Hawaii NABC Hospitality Fund.

For more information, contact Mary Phillips (808) 538-6893 flagsflying2929@gmail.com



AROUND THE UNITS

Albany sectional averts disaster after late start



**Albany/
Corvallis**
♣♦♥♠
By Kathi Downing
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March came in like a lamb and fortunately stayed that way through the middle of the month when the annual Heart of the Valley Bridge Tournament took place. Once again, Saint **Janie Peery** served as tournament organizer.

A hardy team of volunteers met in the early hours of Friday morning to pack up tables, chairs and other bridge essentials housed at the Corvallis Bridge Center and set them up in a comfortable room at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. Hospitality chair **Catherine Van Fleet** and her team organized food and drink for the hungry players, while other volunteers helped with admissions, directions and partnerships. It takes a village!

We were delighted to see that the number of tables in the 299er section outnumbered the open section that first morning. Our education program is doing a great job.

By 9:50, players were happily settled at their tables, waiting for their boards and



A hastily arranged lunch came together to help get the Albany sectional back on schedule after the first session started an hour late. Mike Sailor and Carol Lilley grab food from the spread.

for the action to begin. There were a few minutes of confusion before someone realized that in all the excitement of setting up the tournament, someone had forgotten to bring the cards.

Fortunately, cell phones and some nimble maneuvering saved the day. Boards were ultimately collected from Corvallis and delivered to the tables, delaying the play by only an hour. The show went on.

A collective groan went up when the director announced that due to the late start, the afternoon game would be de-

layed, meaning we wouldn't get out until dusk. Thanks to the quick thinking of our tournament organizer, sandwiches and snacks were brought in at lunchtime, alleviating the necessity of buying lunch off-premises. Thus, the afternoon games started on time, to the relief of all.

The only other snafu that weekend was during the Saturday afternoon game, when due to some misunderstanding, a few players went home before playing their last hands. I will admit to being one of the "dazed and confused" who took off.

The glitches are what make events all the more memorable. And the food. It is evident that food plays an important role at these tournaments, so we really appreciate all the bakers and servers who helped out in that department.

Above all, everyone had a great time. The room was packed all three days with players from Eugene, Salem and the coast as well as by locals. Even with the added expense of the Friday lunch, the tournament was in the black. A huge thank you is in order to all the volunteers who made it a success.



**Eugene/
Springfield**
♣♦♥♠
By John Lean
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I/N sectional brings success

The big news certainly has to be the very successful I/N sectional that was held in April at the Emerald Bridge Club. There was a very nice turnout of 42 tables for the two-day event. We had people from Grants Pass, McMinnville, Portland, Salem, a couple from Albany-Corvallis, as well as a host of locals.

High praise has to go to **Ellen McCumsey**, **Judy Nevell**, **Sherri Morgan** and **Don Marsh** for their combined efforts in putting on such a successful event. The unit will net almost \$1,000.

Good news for 99ers

The Friday morning 99er game continues to thrive. **Ralph Zack** deserves yet one more shoutout for his efforts. This has turned into a nice six- to eight-table game and the lesson that is provided at the end of each session is nice add-on.

There is more good news for the Friday 99er game. **Laurie Rowe** has agreed to do a session of Real Time Bridge. RTB involves all the tables playing the same hand at the same time and then an immediate postmortem is provided on how the hand could have been bid and played. This format has proven to be quite popular. Having a player the caliber of Laurie is a bonus.

The Eugene sectional will just have passed by press time. We hope you enjoyed our great food, hospitality and playing site with lots of convenient parking.

We offer congratulations to **Laurie Rowe** on her recent election as president of the District 20. We are in good hands.

Classes coming

Rowe said she is getting ready to offer a series of beginner classes. We will let you know the details when they become available.

Lastly, we are excited to announce a four-hour seminar that is going to be hosted by **John Wolf**, an event entitled, "How to making a forcing bid when your partner has opened and you hold 20-plus HCP, and other advanced bridge bidding concepts." A date has not yet been set.

Salem holds youth charity, beats Corvallis

We're only days away from the Salem Sectional, June 29-July 1. If you've never been to a tournament before, we heartily recommend that you stop by and give ours a try. We have both open and 299er games available both Friday and Saturday as well as two different team games on Sunday.

Kevin Kacmarynski will host a reception between tournament sessions on Saturday for 299ers. It's a great opportunity to have some ice cream, talk a little bridge, and meet some of the other Intermediate/Newcomers from around the valley.

Special events

On the local scene, there were two events worthy of special notice. The Lee Hanson Memorial Game, held in McMinnville on Feb. 12, raised \$266 for Silicon Valley Youth Bridge, according to event coordinator **Marion Hull**.

Also, the annual Unit 490 vs. Unit 477 championship battle was held in Corvallis on April 8. For the first time in the past few years, Unit 490 came out on top. We won by about 20 percentage points.

Comings and goings

Another issue, another two obituaries, not great news for the start of 2018. On Feb. 8, Salem Bridge Club lost one of its game directors when **Allen Carter** passed away. He was 78. Carter had directed the Thursday night novice game for several years and had previously directed the Tuesday morning game. The unit held a remembrance for him during the March 4 unit game. In addition to bridge players sharing their memories, three of his family members also attended. Fittingly, Carter's



Allen Carter



Salem
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By Kevin Kacmarynski
www.salembridgeclub.org

good friend **Bill Anning** (along with partner **Susan Palmer**) came in first place.

Word also reached us that **Celia Ryer**, a former Salem-area bridge player, passed away earlier this year.

The unit would like to welcome three members from Yamhill County, including **Anita Caviglia** (Newberg), **Beulah Jueau** (McMinnville), and **Susan Howsden** (Amity). Let's hope that our "comings" keep outpacing our "goings."

Tournament tales

The 2018 tournament cycle got off to a bang for the I/N contingent of Unit 490. Unit members collectively racked up 10 overall stratification wins in various I/N events from January through April. Congratulations to **JP** and **Elisabeth Perchellet**, **Jeanne** and **Ross Hibler**, **Karen Crooch** and **Doug Reed**, all of of Salem; **Ann Teal** and **Shirley Crenshaw**, **Barbara Nelson** and **Joanne Benkstein**, **Peg Frame** and **Kathleen McCrossin**, all of McMinnville; and **Joan Page** of Salem. The Hblers, Crooch, and Reed also teamed up to finish first overall in a 299er Swiss Teams at the Eugene I/N Sectional.

Our open game players didn't have quite the volume of success as the I/N crowd and yet the results were just as memorable. **Garry Lowe** of Dallas won two events at the Oregon Trail Regional, bracket 3 of the Vancouver KO (with **Jane Lowe** of Astoria and **Dennis** and **Susan Lee** of British Columbia) and the Saturday Morning Side Pairs with **Charles Burns** of Vancouver. **Nancy** and **Jack Wetherson** of

Keizer were 1C in an open pairs there.

Most recently, **Ben Mitchell** (Newberg) and **Barbara Nelson** were 1C in an Albany Sectional pairs.

The big winners, however, for Unit 490 this quarter were



Mike Green and Randy Naef

Mike Green of Yamhill and **Randy Naef** of McMinnville. Together with teammates **James Weider** of Portland and **Neil Swanson** of Livermore, Calif., Green and Naef finished first in three KO events at the Oregon Trail Regional.

Promotions

The unit would like to congratulate the following individuals on their ACBL rank increases: Junior Master, **Allison Drew**; Club Masters, **John Chi**, **Terry Hart**; Sectional Masters, **Peg Frame**, **Diane French**, **Bill Gille**, **Laurie Naemura**, **Elisabeth Perchellet**; Bronze Life Master, **Randy Naef**; Ruby Life Master, **Garry Lowe**.

Shain Oleson is the current leader in the race for the Lewis Award with 8.33 points won in unit games. **Tom McGuire** is close behind with 8.01.

Results

Unit Game, Feb. 4 — 1A/1C: Susan & Dennis Lee, 2A: Jim & Gayle Gross, 3A/2B: Tom McGuire — Norma Stofiel.

Unit Game, Feb. 21 — 1A: Shirley Scofield — Judy Kleen, 2A: Brian Breckenridge — Irva Neyhart, 3A: Shain Oleson — Jerry Gordon.

Unit Game, March 4 — 1A: Susan Palmer — Bill Anning, 2A: Shain Oleson — Jan Suggs, 3A: Garry Lowe — Larry Trickey.

Unit Game, March 21 — 1A: Brian Breckenridge — Irva Neyhart, 2A/1B: Glenda Fleming — Don Pitt, 3-4A/2-3B: Shain Oleson — Jerry Gordon, Mike Goffe — Zack Woodbury.

Unit Game, April 18: 1A: Randy Jordan — Tom McGuire, 2A: Judy Lathrop — Don Brockhaus, 3A/1B: Shain Oleson — Jerry Gordon.

Results

Club Swiss Teams — 1: Flora Law — Denise Holman — John & Barbara Gustafson; 2: Joyce Haller — Mary Perkins — Sharon Cummings — Lucy Thortensen; 3: Judhi Chopping — Sally Ann Wells — Ann & Gil Gramson.

Central Oregon Coast

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www.unit572.org

The reporterless Oregon Coast unit still has not fallen into the ocean, as far as we know.

Seaside: Club holds Swiss event

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new members: **Allyn Washington**, a transfer from Grass Valley CA; **Sue Cody**, **Stephen** and **Kim Reef** and **Mary Blake**.

AROUND THE UNITS



Boise
♣♦♥♠
By Ian Martindale
boisebridge.club

Boise players get tournament wins

There were two Boise players in the Flight A GNT District 20 final on May 5. **Charlene Martindale** and **Craig Jones** teamed up with the Portland-area pair **Mike Redden** and **Joel Datloff** to win the event, coming out on top of the six-team round robin. The team will travel to the NABC in Atlanta to represent District 20 in the national finals in July.

The event was played in a format of five 12-board matches played in two halves, and there were several interesting and distributional hands. Some of the hands were made even more interesting by the players. When was the last time you bid and made a vulnerable 7♦ for a score of 2140 and lost 12 IMPs? It was when your other side went for 2800!

Boise was well represented at the Jackpot Regional in April. **Carol** and **Duane Christensen** paired with **Suzanne St. Thomas** and **Steve Nafus** to win the Wednesday-Thursday bracket 1 KO, besting another Boise team **Woods** and **Martindales**. Suzanne and Steve also won an open pairs event and were the tournament's top two masterpoint winners.

Nancy Feldman is again heading up the team to stage The Longest Day. With her leadership and the efforts of **Cheryl Maderazo**, **Karen Boss** and many others, Boise raised \$3700 last year, and the goal is to exceed that amount this year.

We hope to see many District 20 players at our regional in August. The weather will be perfect, we hope for the same at the table.

Best of Ask John ends run

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his doubleton and to watch a grateful declarer win his singleton ace, draw trumps ending in dummy and enjoy two pitches on the ♥QJ. There is a tale that in the 1960s, at the Choctaw Ridge Bridge Club, Brother Taylor, partner of Billy Joe MacAlister, opened a similar hand with 2♥. Sadly, after the game, a distraught Billy Joe jumped off the Tallahatchie Bridge.

Ask John may be ending, but your ability to submit questions isn't. Tournament Director Chris Wiegand has agreed to take over. Questions for her can be sent to trumpeteditor@gmail.com.

Milestones

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GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Howard Co,
Honolulu HI
Samuel Jones,
Portland OR
Barbara Linn,
Honolulu HI
Bruce Martin, Paia HI
Katherine Morris,
Beaverton OR
Cynthia Sinn,
Beaverton OR

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Christopher Gibson,
Tigard OR
James Gross,
Keizer OR
Richard Lanke,
Honolulu HI

EMERALD LIFE MASTERS

Merlin Vilhauer,
Beaverton OR

Sectional success; Duttons depart; moose swims



Ontario
♣♦♥♠
By Inge Dickerson

The Ontario Bridge Club had great success with our spring tournament, which was held at the Four Rivers Cultural Center. The table count matched last year's, which was the highest since the ACBL started keeping records online.

John Oglevie went out of his way to make the necessary arrangements and proved to be a fantastic negotiator. As always, our snacks were wonderful and very welcome.

It was especially nice to see so many



Bob and Diane Dutton have moved to Washington.

out-of-towners. Thank you for coming!

It is with profound regret that we had to say goodbye to **Diane** and **Bob Dutton**, who chose to play at our club, despite being Boise residents. They have moved to Washington state to be nearer to family.

We wish them the best and hope to see them at tournaments.

Two of our novices, **Sharon Wada** and **Beulah Gray**, managed a 63% game twice in a row. And the grande dame of our club, **Dolores Echanis**, had a 76.2% game with **Glenora Wright** on March 14.

Inge Dickerson, our secretary and roving reporter, lives on the banks of the Snake River, where she saw a grown moose swim upstream, come on land and slowly wander away.

A belated happy birthday to **Marolyn Poole**, who is now 90 years old and playing as well as ever! We also had some sad news. Very unexpectedly, **Sharon Wada** lost her husband of 53 years, and **Sally Baker** is slowly recovering from surgery. We wish them both inner peace and rapid recovery.

Club directors deserve appreciation



Nampa/Caldwell
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By Marilyn Tripple

I am a person who does not like change. So, in 2012 when our long-time Nampa/Caldwell duplicate director, **John Miller**, retired, I was less than enthusiastic about welcoming our new director, **Duane Christensen**.

I did a 180 turn on that right away.

During the sometimes hectic room full of bridge play, one of the players will raise a hand to call the director, to which Duane's response is immediate and attentive. His demeanor is always calm, polite and inquisitive while urging one person to do the talking, not all four people at once.

As calm as he is, while urging the computer to spit out the day's play results,



Carol and Duane Christensen

Duane has been known to say an unkind (some might say colorful) word to the computer, and may even purse his lips or clench his teeth. But, everything always works out OK in the end.

Duane is ably assisted by **John Pearson**, also an established director, and additionally the treasurer of our bridge club. Another big part of our Nampa/Caldwell bridge club team is **Bruce Thornburgh**



Directors John Pearson and Duane Christensen

who is our computer operator. He also makes the boards for the day's play with his dealing machine.

Your bridge club has heroes as well. Give somebody a hug or tell them how much better they make this world.

Results

Charity Swiss Teams, April 30 — 1: Leila Brauner – Peggy Faylor – Charlene & Ian Martindale.

Class at college yields players for Chico; lessons continue

If it can take a thousand words to describe one picture, how many words are needed to describe the mosaic of duplicate bridge? No one really knows, but the Bidwell Club in Chico has taken the time to do just that to help grow a group of new players.

This plan began with a query to the adult education program at the local university. The club vets were given an opportunity to teach a class on bridge each Friday for six weeks. A nice surprise came with the interest of about 20 people signing up for the class.

This effort was rewarded later when nearly half of the class continued their desire to play and learn at the Bidwell Club. A novice game was organized a few hours before the regular Monday club session, with close mentoring and tips offered. The new player skills were enhanced with a dose of game boards, scoring and masterpoints awarded. The club's Monday, Tuesday and Friday sessions are further aided by weekly lessons on specific components of duplicate bridge, mutually benefitting all players.

Several of our players in the lowest brackets are off to good starts in the district masterpoint races. In the 0-5 race, **Maureen Dion** is fifth in the Mini-McKenney and third in the Ace of Clubs, and **Dale** and **Diane Otten** are tied for 12th. In the 5-20 race, **Gary Stromberg** is 10th in the Mini-McKenney and second in the



Chico
♣♦♥♠
By Rick Shipley

Ace of Clubs. And **Alan Ludwig** of Yuba City, who won the 5-20 races in 2016, is third in the Ace of Clubs for 200-300.

From mid-January to mid-April the Bidwell Club has recorded a phenomenal nine games of over 70%. **Doug Jones** and partners won four of them.

We are all happy to announce the success of the recent Almond Blossom Sectional, held in March in Chico. The top winner was **Garth Gregory** with 26+ silvers. The Sutter Buttes Sectional will be held Aug. 3-5 at a beautiful new location in Marysville.

If there is a dubious honor for bids, we found this sequence:

1♣ 1♠ Pass DbL

After the director's visit, the doubler was given the contract of 1NT, which made two for a high board.

Director **Steve Kaessner**, who handled the call, has a letter about it this month in the Bridge Bulletin.



Alan Ludwig



Redding
♣♦♥♠
By Joan Sullens
www.bridgescore.com/redding

Two who are 90 win senior game

We had a Senior Championship game which was (fittingly) won by two 90-year-olds: **Dorothy Hoots** and **Sue McKown**. We have several players over 90 in our club. They are regularly in the win column.

We had a big crowd at our Spring Sectional, well attended by out of town players and supported well by our own clubs. It was nice to see more of our I/N players in attendance.

Big games: Three pairs managed 70+% games this quarter: **Joan Corbeau** and **Marilyn Avey**, **P.J. Gans** and **Jeanne Carpenter**, and Avey with **Marvin Grudem**. Congrats to them.

Results

Pro-Am Game — N/S 1: Cindy Huntington – Cheryl Bell; 2: George Mayer-Oakes – Joan Corbeau; 3: Barrie Freeman – Bud Hamilton. E/W: 1: Jeff Speer – Joanne Weilbrenner; 2: Barbara Hopson – Jerry Clark; 3: Joann Perkins – Carol Nelson.

Nevada County



This unit is without a reporter.

EDUCATION

Teachers' Corner

New teaching program

Audrey Grant's Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation course was held in February during the Oregon Trail Regional with 14 bridge teachers attending. They learned valuable classroom techniques to help keep their students engaged during lessons.

Kudos to the teachers for upping their game and enhancing their classroom skills. They included Bill Moore, Becky Turnbull, Marilyn Steele, Mark Siler, Eileen Milligan, Jon Gassaway, Roger Thomas, Michael Moscovich, Guy Audett, Ann Romeo, Suzanne Cook, David Bishop, Carol Jukeland and Judy Alder.

Denise Hoffman was the instructor.

ACBL staff recognize that teachers are the gateway to bringing in new players, helping to ensure the future of the game.

There is much excitement about TAP (ACBL's official Teacher Accreditation Program) being revamped. After a brief iteration as Bridge Teaching Dynamics, the new program is called Best Practices Teacher Workshop and has a totally new format and focus.

It trains teachers how, rather than what, to teach. It is built around simulations to engage participants in analyzing and practicing as well as giving and receiving feedback.

The workshops are scheduled to be held at NABCs. Plans are in the works to train facilitators to lead workshops at regional and sectional tournaments as well. There are also plans to revamp the ACBL's 21st Century lesson series to accommodate the newer bridge teaching styles the accreditation programs are promoting.

Barbara Seagram is going to teach a three-day seminar at the Boise Regional Aug. 6-12. She was a hit in Eugene last year. Many participants said they could not believe how quickly the time flew by during her lessons and how much they learned.

In Eugene, some participants were bridge teachers who wanted to observe Seagram's teaching style, including the use of table mats. If you need flyers, please let me know.

Deborah Lackey can be reached at Deborah@DeborahLackey.com.



Deborah Lackey
D20 Education Liaison

New recruiting bonus benefits teachers

When was the last time the ACBL sent you a check for \$500? Oh, never? That's because you haven't signed up 100 new ACBL members. Unfortunately, most of us live in smallish units where such a thing is impossible.

It wasn't always like this. Years ago, the ACBL used to send me a nice thank you letter whenever I signed up six new members, listing their names, together with a check for \$36. And it wasn't the money that was important, it was the recognition, the names, the thank you that warmed my heart.

Teaching beginners is brutally hard work from the get-go. First you have to lay out a lot of your own cash for newspaper advertisements (\$600 for my last class). This is eventually reimbursed: 50% by ACBL (it used to be 75%) and 50% by my own Seaside unit, but only after several months and submissions of invoices, forms and tear sheets. Then you also need to design and print flyers. You trudge around putting them up in coffee shops, restaurants, supermarkets and on community bulletin boards. You beg at clubs for players to spread the word.

You follow up on phone calls, answer questions, send out email reminders. Your venue may require rent or deposits, you need to prepare lesson materials and hands, provide coffee and snacks, and get tables and equipment set up. Some of your students may decide bridge is not for them, some only want to play party bridge, and some may try duplicate and drop out. Fortunately, many end up as regular players and new friends who are a constant source of pride and inspiration for the next beginner course.

The good news is that now the ACBL has come up with a win-win proposition for ACBL accredited teachers and students. It is offering a one-month temporary membership for \$7.99, and a \$5 signup bonus to the teacher or club manager. In exchange, the newbie gets an ACBL number, the new member package, the Bridge Bulletin and their masterpoints recorded.

Full membership is now \$49 (yikes, in 2016 it was \$29 for new members) and a temporary membership can, within the month, sign up online for full membership, and their original payment of \$7.99 will be credited to them.

Now I am very happy to promote trial memberships. Before, I was never comfortable when a full membership was required. The new player was not familiar with the organizational side of bridge, the outlay was so much greater, and - dare I say it - there was nothing in it for me.



Sue Kroning
Guest Contributor

Some nuts and bolts: Membership forms can be downloaded and printed from acbl.org and they include the \$7.99 trial option. These can be mailed in with a check. Or a new player can sign up for temporary membership online with a credit card. In both cases, the sign-up within a month for full membership must be online for the \$7.99 credit to be automatically effective.

Another big change from ACBL and an added incentive to join, is that without a player number - from temporary, permanent or lapsed membership - you can no longer play in an ACBL sectional, regional or NABC. At the very least you will have to sign up for the one-month membership for \$7.99. (If you are a lapsed ACBL member, you pay \$4 extra per session.)

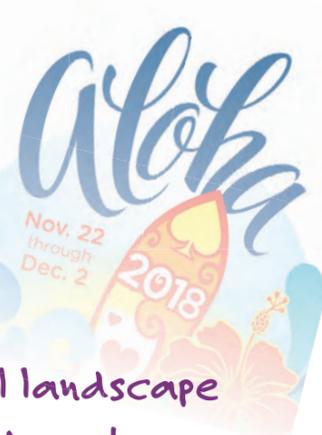
In the past, since we don't live in big metropolitan areas (or haven't teamed up with other teachers to share the \$500), we in our district have been the unsung, unpaid ACBL work force. Who else creates new members for ACBL?

I feel thanks are due to Bob Heller, 2017 ACBL president, to whom I relayed this gripe of mine at the Seaside Regional teachers' breakfast, and others in ACBL leadership who recognize the contribution of bridge teachers.

At the end of the day, we teach not for the money or the recognition but for the love of the game. Psychic rewards are the best, but a bit of cash is nice, too.

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WINNERS AT THE HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

Black Butte Mon-Tues Knockout



Mike Cappelletti, Loretta Rivers, Jean Barry, Ed Ulman

Bracket 1

Broken Top Tues-Wed Knockout



Hendrik Sharples, Chris Compton, Gerry Marshall, D. Jones

Bracket 1

Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs Knockout



Dick Jarvinen, Chloe Jarvinen, Kitty Larson, Eric Larson

Bracket 3

Wed-Thurs Morning Swiss; Three Sisters Compact KO



Bob Bass, Craig Kavin, Ellen Anten, Steve Gross

Bracket 1

Tuesday Evening Side Swiss Teams



Roger Clough, Becky Clough, Marianne Spanier, Bud Marsh

1A

Monday Evening Charity Pairs



Bill Waddle, Sandra Waddle, Debbie Grasham, Jack Grasham

1C

Monday Evening Charity Pairs



Becky Clough, Roger Clough

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs



Sylvia Riewerts, Sam Asai

Monday, May 14

Monday Evening Charity Pairs (46 pairs)

- 1A Roger Clough – Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA
- 2A Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 3A Mark Itabashi – Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 1B/C Krista Garver – Katherine Leonard, Portland OR
- 2B/C Shelley Grudin – Kathy Grudin, Bend OR
- 3-4B Gary Lee – Charleen Lee, Gold River CA
- 3-4B Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 3C William Fry, Fairview OR; Dalice Bromfeld, Portland OR

Tuesday, May 15

Black Butte Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 1 (13 teams)

- 1 Ed Ulman – Stu Swan – Hadi Allahverdiyan, Portland OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA
- 2 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; John Ashton, Portland OR
- 3-4 Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA; William Bailey – Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Bjorgvin Kristinnson, Columbia Heights MN; James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA

Black Butte Monday-Tuesday KO Bracket 2 (13 teams)

- 1 Teresa Jefferson, Seaside OR; Maryjane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR; Ann Marie Gramson – Gil Gramson, Warrenton OR
- 2 Cynthia Sinn – Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR; Elinor Hood, Portland OR; Dave Pinch, Lake Oswego OR
- 3-4 Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR; Joan Borberg – Ginny Gainer, Portland OR

Tuesday Open Pairs (42 pairs)

- 1A Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- 2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 3A Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA
- 1B Charles Swart, Portland OR; Dennis Balfe, University City MO
- 2B John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
- 3B Patricia Massler, Redmond OR; Mark Hickman, Bend OR
- 1C Patrick Johnson – Elizabeth Axford, Clinton WA
- 2C Marodean Herzman, Gresham OR; Dalice Bromfeld, Portland OR
- 3C Patricia Colom – Judy Shelton, Klamath Falls OR

Tuesday Morning Side Pairs (17 pairs)

- 1A Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA
- 2A/1B/C Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 3A/2B Carol McCartney – Janet Tucker, Bend OR
- 3B Tom Ryder – Suzy Ryder, Boise ID
- 2C Phil Richey – Diane Richey, Eugene OR

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs

- 1A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 2A Donna Compton – Kay Moran, Dallas TX
- 3A John Yadon, Gresham OR; Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA
- 1B Mary Sievers, Stockton CA; Sue Vogtlin, Rio Vista CA
- 2B Frank Murphy – Ken Waskom, Bend OR
- 3B Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR
- 1C Linda Smith – David Smith, Corvallis OR
- 2C Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 3C George Kuppler, Brookings OR; Roberta Macomber, Yakima WA

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 1D Phil Richey – Diane Richey, Eugene OR
- 2D/1E/F Kristen Boesiger, Boise ID; Larry Miller, Grants Pass OR
- 3D Mike Thurlow, Redmond OR; Bill Bergmark, Bend OR
- 2E Karen Stone – Lynda Bishop, Portland OR
- 3E Lois Bihary – Robin Meiners, Bend OR
- 2F Jacque Keenan, Re'do Beach CA; Carlyn Gauen, Sammamish WA
- 3F Marilyn Brown – Perry Brown, Boise ID

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1A John Cissel – Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 2A/1B/C Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 3A/2B/C Jeanette Hanna – Brad Hanna, Clackamas OR
- 3B Sherri Morgan – Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR
- 3C Krista Garver – Katherine Leonard, Portland OR

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1D Beverly Fraser – Greg Wilson, Boise ID
- 2D Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
- 3D Deb Dotters – Vern Katz, Eugene OR
- 1-2E/F Marilyn Brown – Perry Brown, Boise ID
- 1-2E/F Kristen Boesiger, Boise ID; Larry Miller, Grants Pass OR
- 3E Carole Starr – Lois Garner, Portland OR

Tuesday Evening Side Swiss (12 teams)

- 1A Bud Marsh – Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ; Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA
- 2A Ian Martindale – Charlene Martindale, Boise ID; William Wood – Jill Wood, Meridian ID
- 3-4A Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA
- 3-4A/1B Mary Alice Seville – Linda Smith – David Smith – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
- 2B/1C William Waddle Jr. – Sandra Waddle – Jack Grasham – Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR
- 3B/2C Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR; David Muller – Janet Landesberg – Carol Goodrich, Vancouver WA

Wednesday, May 16

Broken Top Tues-Wed KO Bkt 1 (12 teams)

- 1 D. Jones, Sacramento CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
- 2 Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID; James Siegel, Ketchum ID; Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID; Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA
- 3-4 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Daniel Friedman – Linda Friedman, Orinda CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 3-4 David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Bob Wierman, Anderson CA; Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR

Broken Top Tues-Wed KO Bkt 2 (14 teams)

- 1 Evan Stoll Jr., Kingston WA; Tommy Bailey, Shoreline WA; Giff Kassebaum – James Kassebaum, Sonoita AZ
- 2 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Sandy Syrett – Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR
- 3-4 Marylee Webber, Hood River OR; Lynn Rosen, White Salmon WA; Janet Meader – Norma Clark, The Dalles OR

Wednesday Open Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 2A Stu Swan – Hadi Allahverdiyan, Portland OR
- 3A Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA
- 1B David Cartwright – Carol Smith, Oakland CA
- 2B/1C Mike Annett – Lynne Annett, Hood River OR
- 3B Maxine Lubow – Ray Lubow, San Jose CA
- 2C Dave Pinch – Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR

Wednesday Gold Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1C Elizabeth Granby, San Diego CA; Ted Runstein, Portland OR
- 2C/1D Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 3C/2D/1E Karen Stone – Lynda Bishop, Portland OR
- 3D Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR; Bill Bergmark, Bend OR
- 2E Karen Jean Boss – Jayne James, Boise ID
- 3E Larry Miller, Grants Pass OR; Kristen Boesiger, Boise ID

Wednesday Morning Side Game (16 pairs)

- 1A James Siegel, Ketchum ID; Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID
- 2A Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Doug West, Long Beach WA
- 3A Donna Compton – Kay Moran, Dallas TX
- 1B Suzy Ryder – Tom Ryder, Boise ID
- 2B Pete Grice, Boise ID; Richard Gettmann, Bend OR
- 3B/1C Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 2C Marion Palmateer – Stefanie Whitcomb, Bend OR

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game (22 pairs)

- 1A Hal Montgomery, Portland OR; Jim Wheeler, Ridgefield WA
- 2A Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Doug West, Long Beach WA
- 3A/1B Carol McCartney – Janet Tucker, Bend OR
- 2-3B Gary Lee – Charleen Lee, Gold River CA
- 2-3B Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA; Pamela Ann Kitto, Stockton CA
- 1C Jeanette Hanna – Brad Hanna, Clackamas OR
- 2C Sylvia Wade – Peter Jack, Medford OR

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1-2D/1E/F Carlyn Gauen, Sammamish WA; Jacqueline Keenan, Redondo Beach CA
- 1-2D Dee Poudjave – Joanne Ruyle, Portland OR
- 3D Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
- 2E Ken Ramage – Kathi Downing, Blodgett OR
- 3E/2F Harold Shrader, Prineville OR; Phil Kirk, Bend OR

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A/B Rebecca Rodenbush – Kay Read, Boise ID
- 2A Larry Smith – Laura Smith, Redmond OR
- 3-4A Katherine Morris – Richard Morris, Beaverton OR
- 3-4A Margaret Peterson – Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA
- 2B Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA; Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA
- 3B Margi Redden, Portland OR; Bruce Thornburgh, Boise ID
- 1C Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
- 2C Brad Hanna – Jeanette Hanna, Clackamas OR
- 3C Bruce Goldwater – Karen Goldwater, Lake Oswego OR

Wednesday Evening Side Swiss (17 teams)

- 1A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Linda Friedman – Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 2A Paul Pugsley – Brenda Pugsley, Carson City NV; Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA
- 3A Lorena Choplin – Phillip Schifert, Roseville CA; Karen Nelson, Gold River CA; Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA
- 1B/1C Helen Spalding, San Francisco CA; Carole Murphy, Hood River OR; Mary Bell, Canyonville OR; Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID
- 2B/2C Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey – Joyce Spence, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 3B Layne Benben – Cookie Hegge – Nancy Jonske – Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR

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Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 1 (15 teams)

- 1 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 2 Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Eric Stoltz – Randy Pickett, Portland OR; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA
- 3-4 Marianne Spanier – Bud Marsh, Scottsdale AZ; Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA
- 3-4 John Ashton, Portland OR; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR

Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 2 (10 teams)

- 1 Jim Lopes – Molly Tinsley – Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 2 David Binney – Dave Walker, Seattle WA; John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
- 3-4 Cynthia Sinn, Beaverton OR; Elinor Hood, Donald Weber, Portland OR; Gary Stephens, Whitefish MT
- 3-4 Teresa Jefferson, Seaside OR; Maryjane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR; Ann Marie Gramson – Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR

Mount Bachelor Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 3 (13 teams)

- 1 Dick Jarvinen – Chloe Jarvinen, Corvallis OR; Eric Larson – Kitty Larson, Chandler AZ
- 2 Jeanne Schmidt – Sherri Morgan – Deb Dotters – Vern Katz, Eugene OR
- 3-4 Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval – Margaret Evenson – Betsy McCormick, Portland OR
- 3-4 Nancy Serne – Susan Battistella, Bend OR; Lorraine Rodich – Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR

Thursday Open Pairs (76 pairs)

- 1A Bjorgvin Kristinnson, Col. Hgts MN; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA
- 2A Flo Savage – Irene Pickett, Portland OR
- 3A Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 1B David Cartwright – Carol Smith, Oakland CA
- 2B/1C Krista Garver – Katherine Leonard, Portland OR
- 3B Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Mike Redden, Lake Oswego OR
- 2C Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
- 3C Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR

Thursday Gold Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1C Mark Hickman – Ronald Foerster, Bend OR
- 2C/1D Bruce Goldwater – Karen Goldwater, Lake Oswego OR
- 3C Deanne Drake – Jerry Drake, Hailey ID
- 2D Terry Adamik, Boulder City NV; Debe Nelson, Basalt CO
- 3D Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 1E Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR; Bill Bergmark, Bend OR
- 2-3E Karen Jean Boss – Jayne James, Boise ID
- 2-3E Caroline Snead, Oro Valley AZ; Mary Blanchett, Issaquah WA

Wednesday-Thursday Morning Swiss (7 teams)

- 1A Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA
- 2A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Linda Friedman – Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 3A/1B/C Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Carole Murphy, Hood River OR; Mary Bell, Canyonville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR
- 2B Sue Vogtlin, Rio Vista CA; Mary Sievers – Pamela Ann Kitto, Stockton CA; Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA

Thursday Morning Side Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1A Jeff Reynolds – Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 2A Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Doug West, Long Beach WA
- 3A Teri Smoot, Placerville CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA
- 1B Tom Ryder – Suzy Ryder, Boise ID
- 2-3B/1C Mike Thurlow, Redmond OR; Mark Osborn, Lawrence KS
- 2-3B Pete Grice, Boise ID; Richard Gettmann, Bend OR
- 2C Sharla Coon – Chuck Shipley, Grants Pass OR

Thursday Afternoon Side Game (28 pairs)

- 1A/C Frank Murphy – Ken Waskom, Bend OR
- 2A/B Mary Alice Seville – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
- 3A David Astle – Kathy Astle, Salem OR
- 3B/1C Mary Sievers, Stockton CA; Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA
- 3C Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1D Ross Hibler – Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR
- 2D Ireta Fisher, Victoria BC; Stefanie Whitcomb, Bend OR
- 3D/1E/F Mike Koonce – Linda Audrain, Bend OR
- 2E/F Greg Schweizer, Redmond OR; Judith Rosen, Bend OR
- 3-4E Susan Smith – Sharron Cosby, Eugene OR
- 3-4E Judy Graham – Jan Hurst, Redmond WA

Thursday Evening Side Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1A Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA; Robert Borge, Bellingham WA
- 2A Roger Clough – Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA
- 3A Lorena Choplin – Phillip Schifert, Roseville CA
- 1B Ron Senn – Dena Senn, Beaverton OR
- 2-3B Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 2-3B Cookie Hegge – Layne Benben, Portland OR

Thursday Evening 299er Pairs (6 pairs)

- 1-2D Kathi Downing – Ken Ramage, Blodgett OR
- 1-2D Connie Baker – Connie Fox, Bend OR

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Friday Open Pairs (26 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 2A Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA
- 3A Gerald Fox, Napa CA; Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA
- 1B Patricia Massler, Redmond OR; Mark Hickman, Bend OR
- 2B/1C Patrick Johnson – Elizabeth Axford, Clinton WA
- 3B Donald Crozier – Ronald Foerster, Bend OR
- 2C Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR; David Muller, Vancouver WA

Friday Morning Side Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Doug West, Long Beach WA
- 2A/1B Paul Walker, Oregon City OR; Keith Thorp, Klamath Falls OR
- 3A/2B/1C Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 3B/2C Timothy Maloney, Palo Alto CA; Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1A Phillip Schifert, Roseville CA; Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA
- 2A/1B Paul Graham – David Astle, Salem OR
- 3A Carol Harms – Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
- 2B Mary Sievers, Stockton CA; Danielle Hejmanowski, Folsom CA
- 3B Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 1C Elizabeth Granby, San Diego CA; Nancy Carpenter, Bend OR
- 2C Ray Lowe – Jane Lowe, Astoria OR
- 3C David Gent – Jacqueline Parrish, Medford OR

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1D Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR; Bill Bergmark, Bend OR
- 2D Carol Leach – Craig Bennett, Bend OR
- 3D Karen Stone, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR
- 1E/F Leslie Weaver – Raymond Teller, Bend OR
- 2E Kathi Downing – Ken Ramage, Blodgett OR
- 3E/2F Lois Garner – Carole Starr, Portland OR

Friday Evening Side Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1A Robert Borge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA
- 2A Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK; J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
- 3A/1B/C Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC
- 2B Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 3B/2C Gary Lee – Charleen Lee, Gold River CA

Friday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1D Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR; David Kaber, Payette ID
- 2D/1E Karen Stone, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR
- 3-4D/2-3E/1-2F Lori Stutsman, Bellevue WA; Candy Baumgard, Bend OR
- 3-4D/2-3E/1-2F Kathi Downing – Ken Ramage, Blodgett OR

Friday Evening A/X/Y Swiss (11 teams)

- 1-2A Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA
- 1-2A Sandra Scholes, Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 3A/1X Buzz Farnes, Midvale UT; Bill Aeschbacher – Ann Morin, Park City UT; Lori Loewenstein, Salt Lake City UT
- 2X Barbara Kolppa, Puyallup WA; Jean McCullough, Silverdale WA; Marjorie Blunt, Federal Way WA; Sharon Gaunt, Tacoma WA
- 1Y Cynthia Sinn – Dena Senn, Beaverton OR; Bruce Thornburgh, Boise ID; William Fry, Fairview OR

Friday Evening B/C/D Swiss (8 teams)

- 1B Evan Stoll Jr., Kingston WA; Tommy Bailey, Shoreline WA; Giff Kassebaum – James Kassebaum, Sonoita AZ
- 2B/1C Mel Chaplin – Marilyn Chaplin, Brentwood CA; Caroline Snead, Oro Valley AZ; Mary Blanchett, Issaquah WA
- 3B Becky McKenzie – Sandy Syrett, Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Eileen Boal, Albany OR
- 2C/1D Joanne Ruyle – Luanne Stoltz – Sally Miller, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR

Saturday, May 19

Cascade Mountains Fri-Sat KO Bkt 1 (10 teams)

- 1 Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Jeff Roman – Huub Bertens, Bend OR
- 2 John Ashton – Eric Stoltz – Raj Garg – Randy Pickett, Portland OR; Bruce Cuthbertson – Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; John Cissel – Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 3-4 Dawn Campbell – Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Player roundup

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

At the Sunriver Regional and elsewhere, we asked players this question: *What's the dumbest thing you ever did (or saw) at the bridge table?* Here are their answers.



Hal Montgomery

My partner and I were playing a weak no trump and decided on the way to the game to not play transfers. Well, I forgot. A few rounds into the game, I bid 2♥ and played in my 3-2 fit.

Hal Montgomery
Portland OR

Someone covered a queen with the king. Stiff ace in dummy.

Lynne Schaeffer
Portland OR



Lynne Schaeffer



Mike Pavlik

I thought I opened 1♥, but had put down 1♠. Partner jumped to 3♠ invitational. I accepted the invitation. It didn't end well.

Mike Pavlik
Ashland OR

My opponent thought she was dummy. Instead of leading, she tabled her whole hand. 13 penalty cards?!

Bill Fry
Portland OR



Bill Fry



David Brower

A defender ruffed a spade and then led a spade. The director forced them to lead a spade. This time his partner ruffed it and then returned a spade. But by that time no one noticed.

David Brower
Portland OR

I raised partner's splinter; then raised it again after he corrected.

Chip Dombrowski
Editor at large



Chip Dombrowski



Andrea Shapiro

Once I took the cards out and opened them face outwards to count them. Everyone at the table could see them.

Andrea Shapiro
Ashland OR

The opponents were doubled at the three level, obviously for penalty, but bid again to the four level. Doubled.

Alan Johnson
Portland OR



Alan Johnson



Bobby Thompson

In the early 1980s at a Grants Pass sectional I was upset because we hadn't bid slam. My wife Virginia said, "Just play the hand, we'll discuss it later." I led the ace of trumps from dummy and played the king from my hand, allowing the doubleton queen to win a trick for a zero. Virginia said, "Hon, I'm so glad you made your contract."

Bobby Thompson
Klamath Falls OR

Cascade Mountains Fri-Sat KO Bkt 2 (10 teams)

- 1 Joel Datloff – Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA; Mike Redden, Lake Oswego OR; David Brower, Portland OR
- 2 Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN; Arti Bhargava – William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA
- 3-4 David Green, Sherwood OR; Flo Savage – Irene Pickett – Edward Lee, Portland OR
- 3-4 Marty McCune – Mary McCune – David Taylor, Seattle WA; Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA

Cascade Mountains Fri-Sat KO Bkt 3 (14 teams)

- 1 Charles Swart – Ray Robert, Portland OR; Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
- 2 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR; Molly Tinsley – Jim Lopes – Terry Anses, Ashland OR
- 3-4 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR; Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Linda Hann, Roseburg OR
- 3-4 Brenda Pugsley – Paul Pugsley, Carson City NV; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Teri Smoot, Placerville CA

Cascade Mountains Fri-Sat KO Bkt 4 (14 teams)

- 1 Dick Jarvinen – Chloe Jarvinen, Corvallis OR; Eric Larson – Kitty Larson, Chandler AZ
- 2 Elaine Green – Gregory Smith, Spokane WA; Linda Smith – David Smith, Corvallis OR
- 3-4 Nancy Serne – Susan Battistella, Bend OR; Lorraine Rodich – Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR
- 3-4 Bing Kibbey – Ralph Zack – Chris Poulos, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR

Saturday Open Pairs (26 pairs)

- 1A Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA
- 2A Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- 3A Richard Carle, Longview WA; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
- 1B Aloha Kendall, Madras OR; Gail Foster, Culver OR
- 2B Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR
- 3B/1C James Hurlburt, Bend OR; Mike Thurlow, Redmond OR
- 2C Sherri Morgan – Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR

Mt. Jefferson Fri-Sat Morning Compact KO (9 teams)

- 1 Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA
- 2 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; James Siegel, Ketchum ID; Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 3 Marylee Webber – Carole Murphy, Hood River OR; Lynn Rosen, White Salmon WA; Mary Bell, Canyonville OR

Three Sisters Sat Compact KO Bkt 1 (16 teams)

- 1 Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA
- 2 Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID; Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID; James Siegel, Ketchum ID; Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA
- 3 Pat Dunn – Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Howard Epley, Kent WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA

Three Sisters Sat Compact KO Bkt 2 (16 teams)

- 1 Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Sandy Syrett – Becky McKenzie – Pat Moore, Corvallis OR
- 2 Krista Garver – Katherine Leonard, Portland OR; Shelley Grudin – Kathy Grudin, Bend OR
- 3 Teresa Jefferson, Seaside OR; Maryjane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR; Ann Marie Gramson – Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR

Saturday Morning Side Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1A/B Pete Grice, Boise ID; Richard Gettmann, Bend OR
- 2A/B Sue Vogtlin, Rio Vista CA; Mary Sievers, Stockton CA
- 3A/B Debbie Cole – Donald Crozier, Bend OR
- 1C William Fry, Fairview OR; Carol Juckeland, Portland OR
- 2C Karen Jean Boss – Jayne James, Boise ID
- 3-4C David Gent – Jacqueline Parrish, Medford OR

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1A/1B Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 2A Larry Smith – Laura Smith, Redmond OR
- 3A/2B Danielle Hejmanowski, Folsom CA; Susan Vogtlin, Rio Vista CA
- 3B Donald Crozier – Debbie Cole, Bend OR
- 1C David Gent – Jacqueline Parrish, Medford OR
- 2C William Fry, Fairview OR; Carol Juckeland, Portland OR

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1D Richard Crawford – Barbara Crawford, Lacey WA
- 2D/1E Ken Ramage – Kathi Downing, Blodgett OR
- 3D/2E/1F Judith Rosen, Bend OR; Greg Schweizer, Redmond OR
- 3E Dolores McCann – Nancy Carpenter, Bend OR
- 2F Pat Arnold – Ken Arnold, Sunriver OR

Saturday Evening Side Pairs (23 pairs)

- 1A/B/C Everett Anderson, Medford OR; Judd Robbins, Ashland OR
- 2A/B William Fry, Fairview OR; Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 3A/B/2C David Kaber, Payette ID; George Kuppler, Brookings OR
- 3C Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA; Timothy Maloney, Palo Alto CA

Saturday Evening Side Swiss (23 teams)

- 1A Bud Marsh – Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ; Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA
- 2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Daniel Hoekstra – Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery, Portland OR; John Sather, Ridgefield WA
- 3A Dawn Campbell – Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 1-2B Mark Hickman – Joy Jones, Bend OR; Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR
- 1-2B James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Ron Senn – Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR; Dave Pinch, Lake Oswego OR
- 3B/1C Chris Poulos – Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 2C Nancy Serne – Susan Battistella, Bend OR; Lael Cooksley – Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR

Sunday, May 20

Sunday A/X/Y Swiss (29 teams)

- 1-2A Daniel Hoekstra – Hal Montgomery, Portland OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 1-2A David Taylor – Mary McCune – Marty McCune, Seattle WA; Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA
- 3A Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Jeff Roman – Huub Bertens, Bend OR
- 1X Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Brenda Pugsley – Paul Pugsley, Carson City NV; Teri Smoot, Placerville CA
- 2X/1Y Charles Swart, Portland OR; Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR; Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR
- 3X Uri Loewenstein, Salt Lake City UT; William Aeschbacher – Ann Morin, Park City UT; Buzz Farnes, Midvale UT

Sunday Flight B Swiss Bracket 1 (8 teams)

- 1 Richard Gettmann, Bend OR; Kay Read, Rebecca Rodenbush – Pete Grice, Boise ID
- 2 Joy Jones, Bend OR; Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR; Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR
- 3 Mark Hickman – Donald Crozier – Ronald Foerster, Bend OR; Patricia Massler, Redmond OR

Sunday Flight B Swiss Bracket 2 (10 teams)

- 1 Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR; Cindy Selberg, Palm Desert CA; Ginny Kopacz – Judith Wilkinson, Portland OR
- 2 Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR; Chris Poulos – Lee Soren – Connie Wonham, Eugene OR
- 3 Susan Owens – Chris Owens, Salem OR; Glenda Affleck – Ian Affleck, Vancouver BC



Mark Itabashi, Hal Montgomery
Friday Open Pairs



Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Arti Bhargava
Thursday Open Pairs



Leo Bell, Dan Jacob
Tuesday Open Pairs



Mark Hickman, Patty Massler
1B Friday Open Pairs



Irene Pickett, Flo Savage
2A Thurs. Open Pairs by .08 mchpts



Peter Gelfand, Mark Itabashi
Wednesday Open Pairs



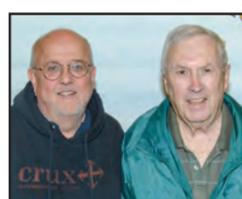
Pat Johnson, Liz Axford
1C Friday Open Pairs, also Tuesday



Ron Foerster, Mark Hickman
Thursday Gold Pairs



Beth Granby, Ted Runstein
Wednesday Gold Pairs



Rick Gardner, Doug West
Friday Morning Side Pairs



Pete Grice, Rich Gettmann
Saturday Morning Side Pairs



Ian and Glenda Affleck
1D Wednesday Gold Pairs



Phil Richey, Diane Richey
Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs



Ian Kirk, Deanna Birch
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs



Karen Stone, Linda Bishop
1E Wednesday Gold Pairs

Top masterpoint winners

| Rank | Score | Name | Location | Rank | Score | Name | Location | Rank | Score | Name | Location |
|------|--------|---|----------|------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|------|-------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 120.09 | Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL | | 113 | 20.62 | Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR | | 162 | 14.06 | Eileen Boal, Albany OR | |
| 2 | 120.09 | Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA | | 116 | 19.67 | Pete Grice, Boise ID | | 163 | 13.88 | Linda Hann, Roseburg OR | |
| 3 | 93.71 | Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA | | 120 | 19.43 | Richard Gettmann, Bend OR | | 165 | 13.87 | Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR | |
| 4 | 91.63 | Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA | | 121 | 18.98 | Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR | | 166 | 13.87 | Susan Battistella, Bend OR | |
| 5 | 86.64 | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR | | 122 | 18.98 | Nancy Serne, Bend OR | | 167 | 13.87 | Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR | |
| 6 | 86.64 | Jon Bartlett, Portland OR | | 123 | 18.80 | Dee Cockfield, Bend OR | | 168 | 13.87 | Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR | |
| 7 | 85.82 | John Ashton, Portland OR | | 124 | 18.71 | Krista Garver, Portland OR | | 169 | 13.81 | Deanna Birch, Portland OR | |
| 8 | 81.51 | Jean Barry, Livermore CA | | 125 | 18.71 | Michael Green, Yamhill OR | | 170 | 13.75 | Douglas West, Long Beach WA | |
| 9 | 81.51 | Ed Ulman, Portland OR | | 126 | 18.71 | David Smith, Corvallis OR | | 171 | 13.72 | Douglas West, Long Beach WA | |
| 10 | 72.10 | Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN | | 127 | 18.24 | Dave Pinch, Lake Oswego OR | | 172 | 13.65 | Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR | |
| 11 | 72.10 | Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA | | 128 | 18.07 | Krista Garver, Portland OR | | 173 | 13.64 | Laura Smith, Redmond OR | |
| 12 | 70.16 | Randy Pickett, Portland OR | | 129 | 17.97 | Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID | | 174 | 13.64 | Larry Smith, Redmond OR | |
| 13 | 70.16 | Eric Stoltz, Portland OR | | 130 | 17.97 | Kay Read, Boise ID | | 175 | 13.47 | Ralph Zack, Eugene OR | |
| 14 | 69.05 | Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA | | 131 | 17.73 | Marta Cannell, Hood River OR | | 176 | 13.47 | Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR | |
| 15 | 69.05 | Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA | | 132 | 17.73 | Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR | | 177 | 13.36 | James Flint, Ashland OR | |
| 16 | 68.21 | Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR | | 133 | 17.71 | Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR | | 178 | 13.31 | Bill Bergmark, Bend OR | |
| 17 | 67.98 | Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA | | 134 | 17.71 | Katherine Leonard, Portland OR | | 179 | 13.27 | Sherwin Moscow, Vancouver WA | |
| 18 | 67.98 | Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA | | 135 | 17.71 | Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR | | 180 | 13.27 | Richard Morris, Beaverton OR | |
| 19 | 65.03 | Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA | | 136 | 17.71 | Ronald Foerster, Bend OR | | 181 | 13.27 | Katherine Morris, Beaverton OR | |
| 20 | 65.03 | Ellen Anten, Encino CA | | 137 | 17.26 | Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR | | 182 | 13.25 | Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR | |
| 21 | 62.24 | Jeff Roman, Bend OR | | 138 | 16.79 | Nancy Swanson, Portland OR | | 183 | 13.25 | Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR | |
| 22 | 61.61 | Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID | | 139 | 16.70 | Gene Hval, Portland OR | | 184 | 13.16 | Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR | |
| 23 | 61.61 | James Siegel, Ketchum ID | | 140 | 16.40 | Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR | | 185 | 13.11 | Ian Martindale, Boise ID | |
| 24 | 61.18 | Stu Swan, Portland OR | | 141 | 16.24 | Samuel Asai, Hood River OR | | 186 | 13.11 | Charlene Martindale, Boise ID | |
| 25 | 61.18 | Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR | | 142 | 16.24 | Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR | | 187 | 12.92 | William Fry, Fairview OR | |
| 26 | 59.85 | Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA | | 143 | 16.24 | Robert Johnson, Tigard OR | | 188 | 12.91 | Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID | |
| 27 | 59.85 | Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC | | 144 | 15.18 | Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR | | 189 | 12.84 | Donald Crozier, Bend OR | |
| 28 | 59.19 | Huub Bertens, Bend OR | | 145 | 14.75 | Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR | | 190 | 12.76 | Joan Borberg, Portland OR | |
| 29 | 58.99 | Michael Levy, Keizer OR | | 146 | 14.61 | Ian Kirk, Portland OR | | 191 | 12.60 | Ron Senn, Beaverton OR | |
| 30 | 58.99 | Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR | | 147 | 14.13 | Patricia Massler, Redmond OR | | 192 | 12.53 | Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR | |
| 31 | 55.15 | Hal Montgomery, Portland OR | | 148 | 29.74 | James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA | | 193 | 12.23 | Judith Wilkinson, Portland OR | |
| 32 | 54.94 | Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA | | 149 | 29.55 | Bob Wierman, Anderson CA | | 194 | 12.23 | Duane Christensen, Boise ID | |
| 33 | 53.67 | Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA | | 150 | 29.55 | Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR | | 195 | 12.23 | Carol Christensen, Boise ID | |
| 34 | 52.62 | Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA | | 151 | 28.26 | Mark Hickman, Bend OR | | 196 | 12.14 | Mary Bell, Canyonville OR | |
| 35 | 52.43 | Roger Clough, Culver City CA | | 152 | 27.27 | Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR | | 197 | 12.14 | Carole Murphy, Hood River OR | |
| 36 | 52.43 | Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA | | 153 | 27.23 | Teresa Jefferson, Seaside OR | | 198 | 12.13 | Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR | |
| 37 | 50.30 | Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID | | 154 | 26.74 | Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR | | 199 | 12.14 | Mary Bell, Canyonville OR | |
| 38 | 45.98 | Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA | | 155 | 26.71 | Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA | | 200 | 12.14 | Carole Murphy, Hood River OR | |
| 39 | 45.98 | Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA | | 156 | 26.71 | David Wilmington, Eureka CA | | 201 | 12.13 | Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR | |
| 40 | 44.23 | Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA | | 157 | 26.42 | Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA | | 202 | 12.13 | Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR | |
| 41 | 44.23 | David Brower, Ashland OR | | 158 | 26.42 | Maryjane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR | | 203 | 11.79 | Joy Jones, Bend OR | |
| 42 | 44.18 | Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA | | 159 | 25.98 | Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR | | 204 | 11.75 | Marylee Webber, Hood River OR | |
| 43 | 44.18 | Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA | | 160 | 25.98 | John | | | | | |



Best of Ask John

John Ashton's column has been a pillar of the Trumpet since it began 13 years ago. This issue we say goodbye to it with a couple of our favorite items from it.

E-W Vul ♠ Q972
♥ AK
♦ 10853
♣ AQ4

♠ K1064 ♠ J
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♦ A9 ♦ J7642
♣ J986532 ♣ K10

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | Pass | 1♥ |
| Dbl | Rdbl | 2♦ | 2♥ |
| 3♣ | 4♥ | Dbl | All Pass |

Dear John,

With a void in opener's suit and a seven-card suit to run to, West made a light double to keep her four spades in the picture. This backfired when the opponents reached game. Partner, holding five trumps opposite an ostensible opening hand, doubled. Declarer had little trouble making an overtrick. If 690 wasn't already a bottom, than 800 or worse in 5♣ surely is, so there was no point in pulling the double. Did West have a better option to show her shapely hand?
—In *Too Deep* (July/Aug. 2014)

Dear Try Wading,

Welcome to this week's episode of "Do you have a vulnerable takeout double of 1♥?" We pose the questions and see how your example compares with the Bo Derek of doubles.

Do you have opening bid values? BUZZ! These 8 HCP would not persuade Vladimir Putin to open the bidding. Do you have adequate spades? Ding, ding. Four to the ♠K10 should please partner if he chooses to compete. Do you have the expected defensive potential? BUZZ! Partner has the right to expect at least two quick tricks from a vulnerable double.

Do you have the optimum length in hearts? BUZZ! Despite the murmur from the studio audience, it is usually better to have a singleton in the opponents' suit. This may seem counterintuitive, but it is one less trump that they have and may be used on defense either to lessen ruffing potential or to protect partner from a late endplay.

Are you comfortable if partner bids your weak suit? BUZZ! Correcting diamonds to clubs would show a much stronger hand with a more muscular suit.

The 3♣ bid in the auction given seems to be from the dark side of the moon. West was off the hook when South rebid 2♥. Um, excuse us for a moment as we remove the homeless man, who lost his personal fortune playing rubber bridge, from our audience after his vociferous protest to our scoring. See you next week!

♠ ♥ ♦ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♠

Dear John,

You are the dealer and no one is vulnerable. You hold:

♠ A 9 ♥ 10 8 6 5 4 2 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ 6 4.

What call would you make?

—Betwixt and Between (Nov/Dec 2012)

Dear Because,

Without a doubt, passing this hand would be my easiest decision of the session. An emaciated suit and two outside aces scream for a pass. Anyone who thinks that this is a weak 2♥ deserves to have partner lead a triumphant ♥K from

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TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

JUNE 2018

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| 7-8 | Western Oregon STaC | Local clubs – Units 452,477,479,487,490,491,492,493,572 |
| 9-10 | Portland Sectional | Montgomery Park, Portland OR |
| 29-1 | Salem Sectional | Keizer/Salem Area Seniors, Keizer OR |

JULY 2018

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| 13-15 | Honolulu Sectional | Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI |
| 21-22 | PBC I/N Sectional | Portland Bridge Club, Portland OR |

AUGUST 2018

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| 3-5 | Sutter Buttes Sectional | St. John Episcopal Church, Marysville CA |
| Aug 6-12 | GREAT POTATO REGIONAL | Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID |
| 17-19 | Vancouver Sectional | Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA |
| 20-26 | Western Conference STaC | Local clubs |

SEPTEMBER 2018

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| 7-9 | Eureka Sectional | Ocean View Mobile Home Park, McKinleyville CA |
| 8-9 | Portland Sectional | Montgomery Park, Portland OR |
| 14-16 | Boise Fall Sectional | Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID |
| 14-16 | Honolulu Sectional | Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI |
| 14-16 | Rogue Valley Sectional | Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR |

OCTOBER 2018

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| Oct 1-7 | OREGON COAST REGIONAL | Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR |
| 12-14 | Gold Country Sectional | St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA |
| 13-14 | Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional | Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA |
| 20-21 | North American Pairs | Online at various locations |
| 25-28 | Central Oregon Coast Sectional | Shilo Inn, Newport OR |

NOVEMBER 2018

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| 2-4 | Nampa-Caldwell Harvest Sectional | Nampa Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa ID |
| 2-4 | Redding Fall Sectional | Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA |
| 10-11 | Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional | Heart of the Valley Bridge Club, Corvallis OR |
| 10-11 | Vancouver Fall Sectional | Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA |
| 16-18 | Honolulu Sectional | Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI |
| Nov 22-Dec 2 | FALL NABC | Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu HI |

DECEMBER 2018

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| 3-9 | Western Conference STaC | Local clubs |
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JANUARY 2019

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| Jan 7-13 | HAWAII REGIONAL | Prince Waikiki, Honolulu HI |
| 12-13 | Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional | Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA |
| 25-27 | Garden Island Sectional | Sun Village Condominium Recreation Center, Lihue HI |

FEBRUARY 2019

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| 8-10 | Maui Sectional | Kenolio Recreation Complex, Kihei HI |
| Feb 18-24 | OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL | Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver WA |

MARCH 2019

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| 1-3 | Honolulu Sectional | Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI |
| 15-17 | Heart of the Valley Sectional | Linn County Fair/Expo Center, Albany OR |

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

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| June 11-17 | Penticton Regional BC |
| June 18-24 | Anchorage Regional AK |
| July 6-8 | Anacortes Sectional WA |
| July 14-15 | Seattle Sectional, Kent WA |
| July 27-29 | Bremerton Sectional WA |
| Aug. 20-26 | Puget Sound Regional , Lynnwood WA |
| Aug. 31-Sept. 3 | Olympia Sectional WA |
| Sept. 14-16 | Juneau Sectional AK |
| Sept. 14-16 | Seattle Sectional, Bothell WA |
| Oct. 29-Nov. 4 | Leavenworth Regional WA |

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

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| June 27-July 1 | Palo Alto Sectional, Mountain View CA |
| July 7-8 | Sonoma Sectional CA |
| Aug. 15-18 | Reno Sectional, Sparks NV |
| Aug. 28-Sept. 3 | All-Western Regional , Santa Clara CA |
| Sept. 7-9 | Sacramento Sectional, Carmichael CA |
| Sept. 15-16 | Stockton Sectional CA |
| Sept. 15-16 | Gilroy Sectional CA |
| Sept. 29-30 | Santa Rosa Sectional CA |
| Oct. 15-21 | Reno Regional , Sparks NV |
| Dec. 31-Jan. 6 | Monterey Regional CA |

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

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| July 12-14 | Helena I/N Regional MT |
| July 16-22 | Calgary Regional AB |
| Aug. 16-19 | Idaho Falls Sectional ID |
| Sept. 6-9 | Helena Sectional MT |
| Sept. 21-23 | Salt Lake City Sectional UT |
| Sept. 24-30 | Missoula Regional MT |
| Oct. 10-12 | World Senior Games, Washington UT |

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

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| July 13-15 | Golden Sectional CO |
| Aug. 3-5 | Vail Sectional, Avon CO |
| Aug. 10-12 | Loveland Sectional and I/N Regional CO |
| Aug. 13-19 | Phoenix Regional , Scottsdale AZ |
| Sept. 14-16 | Cheyenne Sectional WY |
| Oct. 8-14 | Colorado Springs Regional CO |
| Nov. 14-18 | Tucson Sectional and I/N Regional AZ |

DISTRICT 22: acbl.district22.com/d22

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| Aug. 17-19 | San Diego Sectional CA |
| Aug. 17-19 | Santa Barbara Sectional CA |
| Sept. 3-9 | Orange County Regional , Costa Mesa CA |
| Oct. 29-Nov. 4 | Ventura Regional CA |
| Dec. 10-16 | Palm Springs Regional , Rancho Mirage CA |

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| July 26 – Aug. 5 | Summer 2018 | Marriott Marquis, Atlanta GA |
| Nov. 22 – Dec. 2 | Fall 2018 | Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu HI |
| March 21–31 | Spring 2019 | Sheraton & Crowne Plaza, Memphis TN |
| July 18–28 | Summer 2019 | Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas NV |