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Bridge Across the District

Summer 2019

## D20 results in Memphis NABC

A few District 20 players placed in overalls of national events at the Spring NABC in Memphis.

**S. Reno Cox** of Eugene won the 10K Swiss Teams playing with a partner from Indiana and foreign teammates. Cox has not played much in recent years but has long been a Eugene resident.

**Eric Stoltz** and **Dennis Metcalf** were fifth in the North American Pairs Flight A. **Jeff Roman** was fifth in the Lebar IMP Pairs and 10th in the Jacoby Swiss Teams with **Huub Bertens**.

**Hal Montgomery** placed in three national events with three partners: third in the Silver Ribbon Pairs with Michael Schreiber, 19th in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs with **Amy Casanova**, and 41st in the Lebar with **Bruce Cuthbertson** (see stories, page 8). **Roger McNay** and **Irva Neyhart** also placed in the Rockwell, and Stoltz and Metcalf did in the Silver Ribbon.

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## Settlements costly for ACBL; Memphis is up

The Spring NABC, held in Memphis, Tenn., near ACBL headquarters in the Memphis suburb of Horn Lake, Miss., was well attended, reversing a trend.

ACBL had a difficult year, losing about \$1.9 million. A big portion of the loss was from settling two lawsuits. ACBL had to pay the last CEO his full salary after he was let go, not the best situation but less expensive than a court battle. The league also settled with Bruce Blakely, a former board member. His probation, originally scheduled through 2024, will be lifted at the end of 2019 so long as he completes sexual harassment training approved by the ACBL.

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**Merlin Vilhauer**

D20 District Director

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Portland Bridge Club is District 20's largest by about a thousand tables per year.

## Go big or go home

Inside the district's large clubs

All bridge clubs face challenges, but they vary across the spectrum. This fall we'll focus on the district's small clubs. In this issue, the owners and managers of some of the largest clubs in District 20 dish on what it takes to keep their doors open and bridge tables full.

By **Jen Smith**  
The Trumpet

When your club hosts more bridge tables each month than other clubs see in a year, you're going to run into your fair share of challenges. But double the members can also mean double the fun. We chatted with owners at some of the largest clubs in District 20 to find out what it takes to make their clubs prosper.

## Club closes: No more bridge in Yuba City/Marysville

By **Chip Dombrowski**  
The Trumpet

The Yuba City Bridge Club closed in May after several decades of operation in the southern end of District 20, about an hour north of Sacramento.

It's been a long time coming. Like many small-town bridge clubs, its table count has been dwindling — from 12 to 13 at its peak to three of four in recent years.

"Some days we have to cancel because of lack of players," said JoAnne Murdock, who served as district president in 2007–08 and has been active in the club since she moved to the area in 1983.

"Unfortunately we cannot sustain our club location, mainly due to plain lack of

### Portland Bridge Club

The largest club in District 20 touted a total of 5,415 tables in 2018. The Portland Bridge Club is owned by David Brower and David Castles. As you might expect, running the largest club in the district isn't without its challenges. "There are always a zillion things that need to get done," says Castles.

Of those: "Making sure that we have enough well-trained directors and accommodating everyone's desire to play in tournaments," says Brower, "finding time in the week to help out the players at various levels, and trying to maintain and build a community spirit where players of all levels feel comfortable with playing."

And while it can be stressful, Brower notes the major rewards are the players themselves.

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Only a year after moving into a new location at a church in Marysville, the Yuba City Bridge Club closed permanently in May.

interest in the area, and the cost of rent and insurance."

The former Unit 460 dissolved at the end of 2014 and merged with Chico Unit 457. A year ago, the club moved to St.

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## Medford falls 6%

Meets expectations

I've just returned from Medford. What a wonderful tournament. For those of you who request 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. starting times, keep this tournament in mind.

Our table count was as predicted — down 6 percent at 472 — and I really think this should be a tournament



**Laurie Rowe**  
D20 President

on your calendar. Many attended "Hairspray" on Friday night at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and it was absolutely one of the best live productions I have seen. I know of others who saw multiple plays in Ashland

after playing two sessions of bridge.

The playing site has good lighting, and hotel accommodations are comfortable for under \$100, including breakfast. Lark's Restaurant at the hotel has good food and there are plenty of other restaurants within

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## It's summer — come to Eugene

It's time to return to the Willamette Valley to play some summertime bridge during the Emerald Empire Regional tournament in Eugene.

Playing venue is the Valley River Inn, located on the riverbank of the Willamette River. Many amenities are available for players, including a delicious meal at



**Angela Jacob**  
Tournament Manager

Sweetwaters, a stroll along the river's edge, or a relaxing soak in the whirlpool.

Although playing bridge is a priority for most, some may enjoy shopping at the nearby Valley River Center, biking on 12 miles of pathways, or cooling off in the outdoor pool.

This tournament will have gold pairs events on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, along with a Gold Swiss teams event on Thursday for players under 750 masterpoints.

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# How ancient philosophy can help with bridge

How people learn can be as unique as people themselves. What a daunting task for a teacher, finding ways to engage a roomful of students with varying degrees of interest, talent and ability. The rewards are the a-ha moments when an idea sinks in, watching progress being made, sharing successes.

When a player comes to me with a bridge question I can help answer, it's a satisfying feeling that sustains me through the slog.

Besides just learning how to play the game, there are a lot of other elements that can be incredibly difficult to master.

I am always acutely aware of what's happening in the room and with other people. Maybe it's because I'm also a director, and a mom and in the hospitality industry. I am envious of the players who seem to be able to ignore distractions, effortlessly.

How does one manage the frustration of following a slow pair, or the noisy know-it-all who's always analyzing the deals (after seeing all four hands), or the pair who have been playing together for decades yet don't seem to know their system and forget to alert and explain their bids?

How do we keep bridge fun?

My latest source of inspiration has come from a somewhat unlikely source. My new teacher died over 2,000 years ago. His name is Marcus Aurelius, the Roman emperor and Stoic philosopher. What's funny to me is that a bunch of self-help quotes and memes on the internet stem from

this guy. Not much about the human condition has changed over the centuries.

How do I apply ancient philosophy to bridge? I've long thought of bridge as equal parts psychological, emotional and intellectual. I'm trying to control my emotional responses to the negative aspects of bridge that I know aren't going to change anytime soon. All that I can change is how I react to them. Here are a few gems I chant to myself during the rough patches.

♦ "Be tolerant with others and strict with yourself."

♦ "You don't have to turn this into something. It doesn't have to upset you."

♦ "To live a good life: We have the potential for it. If we learn to be indifferent to what makes no difference."

♦ "It's silly to try to escape other people's faults. They are inescapable. Just try to escape your own."

♦ "Because most of what we say and do is not essential. Ask yourself at every moment, 'Is this necessary?'"

♦ "The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."

♦ "It's unfortunate that this has happened. No. It's fortunate that this has happened and I've remained unharmed."

♦ "You're better off not giving the small things more time than they deserve."

♦ "If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it."

♦ "Waste no more time arguing what a

good man should be. Be one."

♦ "The best revenge is not to be like your enemy."

♦ "You do the right thing. The rest doesn't matter."

♦ "Your mind will take the shape of what you frequently hold in thought, for the human spirit is colored by such impressions."

♦ "You shouldn't give circumstances the power to rouse anger, for they don't care at all."

♦ "Take a good hard look at people's ruling principle, especially of the wise, what they run away from and what they seek out."

♦ "Dig deep within yourself, for there is a fountain of goodness ever ready to flow if you will keep digging."

Let's think of ways to become an asset to our game. Managing our annoyances is good stuff, but so is trying to minimize them.

Be aware of others. As you move around the room, keep in mind someone is following you. If you are sitting North-South, put the boards you have finished playing off to the side so that they are easy to get should the next table become ready before you are done.

Help the directors. Take good care of your club, and the surrounding areas — like the parking lot or nearby businesses.

We can't always be perfect but we can keep trying to be better.

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Managing Editor

## Dude, where's my car? Not again!

What a relief it was to not have to travel for an NABC! For as much difficulty as I have with airports, it was so nice to have a playing site 20 minutes away from home. You would think this would keep me out of the kind of trouble I get into when I have to catch a plane. Not exactly.

First, I didn't know where the Daily Bulletin office was located — not for lack of trying to find out. The person who used to communicate that information was no longer with the ACBL, and I'd asked a couple of times before the tournament began but never got an answer. The NABC was using two sites, the convention center and the Sheraton — across the street from each other, but where to park?

On the day the tournament started, I got a text from Rick Beye letting me know where his office was located — in the convention center — and since our office had been next to his Tournament Operations at every previous NABC I've attended, I decided that was good enough to park at the convention center.

I'd driven past the Memphis Cook Convention Center numerous times, but I had no idea where the parking entrance was. On the first day of the Spring NABC, I drove around it several more times in quest to find out. Three complete loops and nothing.

I was just about to turn the corner for either a fourth trip around the building or to give up and park a couple blocks away when I spotted an unmarked hole in the ground. A-ha! I'd just driven past it, but there was little traffic and I determined it was safe to back up rather than driving around the block again.

So I got parked and went upstairs and checked in with Rick, at which point I finally found out the office I was looking for was in the Sheraton. So I went over there and got settled.

The first night of the NABC is not a busy one for the Daily Bulletin, and we usually finish much earlier than any other night — sometimes even before midnight. It was

unusually late for a first issue when we finished a little after 12:30. It was 12:45 when I crossed the street to discover that the convention center was locked.

I checked several doors, all locked. I concluded I would have to walk in through the same hole in the ground that I drove in, so I walked around the block to find that it too was sealed off.

Remember the time I lost my car at the Sunriver Regional? This time I knew where it was — sort of — but had no way to get to it.

So I walked back to the Sheraton and spoke to someone at the front desk, who after some time was able to reach someone in convention center security on the radio. She said she would meet me at the entrance to the parking garage, so I walked back over.

I was already suspicious that we hadn't clarified which entrance — in my many trips around the building I'd only found one, but I knew there were more I had yet to discover.

I waited and waited. I noticed another entrance across the street and checked that one. I walked around the building some, still searching for that third entrance. I couldn't find it. I went back to the one I started at. I'd been out there about an hour.

I decided to call the Sheraton, but as I was looking up the number, my phone died. So I walked back over. I found the person I talked to before, and he found the person he talked to before, and we established that we were indeed waiting for each other at different entrances.

So I walked back and waited again. It was just after 2 a.m. when the garage door rose. I parked in the surface lot down the street for the duration of the tournament.

### Playing in Memphis

Another nice thing about being close to home was that we didn't need the same people to staff the entire time, so we could have days off. I got two the first weekend — one to play with my teammates from New York and one to just stay home.



Chip Dombrowski  
Editor at Large

And even after that, I got two more chances to play single sessions at the NABC. On Wednesday I was asked to fill in for the second session of the daylight pairs for someone whose partner had left ill — **Dan Hoekstra**.

Later, I stopped by the Rockwell Mixed Pairs near the end of the session and talked to **Roger McNay** and **Irva Kay Neyhart**. Irva was leaving Friday but had no plans for Thursday and was looking for a partner. I figured I could probably get an afternoon off.

I was able to get permission to play in a side game, on the condition that I also get a story for Friday's paper. So I gave that same deal to my partner.

Our game was fair and enjoyable but mostly unremarkable. There was one fun hand where our opponents dug themselves a big hole. I would tell you about it now if I had space, but it looks like I'll have to save it for online. That seemed to work well enough last time. Here's the preview:

♠K Q 10 ♥J 9 7 3 2 ♦K ♣J 10 8 4

Opponents vulnerable, it goes pass, 1♦ by partner, 2♣ to you. Find out what happens next when the article hits Facebook.

### New perspective

My regular teammates for the Cincinnati regional decided not to go this year and I have some other places to go this month, so this year might turn out to be even lighter on bridge than last. I haven't made firm plans but I think I'll make it to Eugene.

Although I haven't been playing much, I'm getting a different bridge experience since I've been asked to teach. I have a regular weekly practice session with one student and more sporadic attempts with a friend in Australia.

It's been interesting. It's always nice to try to get people to learn bridge if they're willing to give it a chance. Success seems to be pretty rare, but at least we try.

I'll be rooting for our GNT teams in Las Vegas and if I don't see you there, hopefully Eugene.

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## Letters

### Slow play: I hate it!

Slow play is killing the great game of bridge, especially at high level events like the Life Master Pairs and the Grand National Teams.

Rarely should it take more than two minutes to make a bidding or a playing decision, and there are many bids and plays that should take just a few seconds. The players who are agonizingly slow all the time, every hand and every card, use this tactic to gain an advantage over their opponents. Players tend to zone out when the game crawls.

I protested about slow play at the summer nationals and I will protest

every time in the future whenever it takes place. If we all protest each time it occurs at our table, the ACBL eventually will have to take some disciplinary action on the people who are chronically slow.

Bridge should be fun, not a torture session.

Don Lowry  
Wilsonville OR

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## Deaths

**Terry Jean Dell** — 68, of Chico CA died March 9, 2019.

**Gerald (Jerry) Drennan** — 86, of Redding CA died April 8, 2019.

**Samuel James (Jim) Elliott** — 67, of Portland OR and Berlin died March 27, 2019.

**Frances (Fran) Friesen** — 72, formerly of Salem OR died March 21, 2019.

**Tom Frye** — 93, of Yuba City CA died April 4, 2019.



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# NAP AND GNT

## GNT teams qualify to play in Las Vegas

Online experience satisfies as events run on schedule

By Hal Montgomery  
D20 NA Events Coordinator

The online finals for the 2019 Grand National Teams were contested at venues all across the district. Players competed from sites in Astoria, Bend, Boise, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Medford, Nevada City, Portland and Vancouver.

The winners of the open teams were **Randy Pickett, John Lusky, John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf, Marc Zwerling and Mark Tolliver.**

Flight A was won by **Ray Robert, Rick Prouser, Alan Johnson and Jerry Hallee.** Flight B was won by **Louis Beauchet, Robert Hormel, Dwayne Brackhahn and Ron Senn.** Flight C was won by **Andrew Nuxoll, Dan Edelstein, Mike Goffe and Bruce Backup.** They qualified to compete at the Las Vegas NABC in July.

The ACBL instituted a new policy for this year. Second-place teams in both the B and C flights qualify for the nationals as long as there are at least eight teams in the flight. There were eight teams in B, so second place finishers **Kevin Marnell, Bruce Peterson, Justin Beck and Ben Bomber** will get to represent D20 in Las Vegas. It's wonderful that there are more opportunities for players to compete at the nationals. If only two more C teams had entered, an additional C team could have qualified for Las Vegas as well.

### Why you should play

Grand National Teams and North American Pairs are events that should be important for newer and mid-level players. These regionally rated events offer players the opportunity to win gold points while competing against others of their same skill level. Players qualify for finals at clubs throughout the district but play the finals online. By playing online, players from across the district do not have to leave their local area.

The quality of online play has improved. Computers and internet connections are better, directors are more experienced, and organizers are more experienced. Unlike in



Championship Flight: Mark Tolliver, Marc Zwerling, John Lusky, Dennis Metcalf, Randy Pickett, John Ashton



Flight A: Ray Robert, Rick Prouser, Jerry Hallee, Alan Johnson



Flight B: Louis Beauchet, Dwayne Brackhahn, Bob Hormel, Ron Senn



Flight C: Bruce Backup, Mike Goffe, Dan Edelstein, Andrew Nuxoll



the early years of online play, competitions started and finished on time with very few interruptions.

Playing an online tournament on BBO is different from playing face-to-face bridge. In tournament settings online, players self-alert their own bids and communicate to opponents through the chat feature. Sometimes there is a lag between typing in a request for information and getting a reply. Sometimes opponents are not paying attention to the chat line. Sometimes play can seem slow. However, there are many parts of online play that are faster. The hands arrive instantaneously, all sorted. There are no insufficient bids, leads, bids out of turn or penalty cards.

The bridge experience of all members is enhanced by clubs, units and individuals hosting the finals. They have made it possible for players across D20 to be able to play locally while competing regionally.

### North American Pairs

Contact me for help in finding partners or in setting up a venue to play for future finals events. Qualifying for the North American Pairs started June 1 and continues through the end of August. You must qualify in a club before you may play in the district finals.

District subsidies for the winners travel to the NABC are generous. Get your friends and partners together and win a trip to Columbus. Three of four pairs in each flight will qualify to play at the 2020 Spring NABC in Columbus, Ohio.

District finals will be held online Saturday, Oct. 12, for Flights A and C and Sunday, Oct. 13, for Flight B.

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## Jim Elliott 1951–2019

Samuel James Elliott IV, of Portland and Berlin, Germany, died March 27, 2019, at age 67 in Palm Springs, Calif.

Jim "Jimmylein" was born July 2, 1951, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Samuel James Elliott and Edith McKenna Elliott.

He grew up in Camp Hill, Pa. He graduated high school from the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and completed graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin. Before taking an early retirement in the 1990s, he enjoyed a successful career at Intel Corporation. Jim was an accomplished bridge player and avid biker. He worked diligently with the Human Rights Campaign.

He is survived by his spouse, Frank Teschen, of Berlin; his sister, Jennifer Elliott, of Kensington, Md.; a brother-in-law and three nephews.

He was predeceased by partners Mark McCoy and Richard Yorba; a brother, Geoffrey Elliott;



Jim Elliott

and his parents.

A celebration of Jim's life was held May 11 in Portland. Contributions in Jim's memory can be made to Human Rights Campaign.

John Ashton, who ran many tournaments in which Elliott played, said he was a courteous and friendly competitor.

"Jim had a superior intellect," Ashton said. "He had a degree in German from Princeton."

Raj Garg remarked on Jim's sense of humor, calling it endearing, but often with an edge. He said Jim was known for inventing colorful nicknames for fellow players. Those for whom he had yet to assign nicknames were known to

### Remembering Jim

During the '80s and '90s, Jim Elliott's regular partner in Portland was Tony Glynne. They were perennial winners of the D20 North American Pairs and frequent top 10 finishers in NABC events, including coming in second in the Silodor Pairs at the 1992 NABC in Pasadena.

Glynne is an original owner of the Ace of Clubs, a longtime bridge teacher, coach and pro. He now lives in Gilroy, Calif., but teaches each winter in Palm Springs where Jim was visiting.

"In my 200 years of bridge, I was lucky enough to play with the world's best, such as Terence Reese, Barry Crane and Paul Soloway. However, the real luck of my bridge life was to have Jim Elliott as my regular partner for many years," Glynne said.

"He was not only a superb bidder, declarer and defender but was also the most adventurous, exciting and fun partner. There was rarely a dull moment. Neither of us was into

playing a whole bunch of conventions but we were both very competitive.

"Jim had an uncanny knack of making bids which never led his partner astray but gave the opponents an opportunity to go wrong — and they often did! He never complained when something he did or I did went wrong. And when the opponents did something great (either by skill or by accident), he was the first to congratulate them. He loved all the techniques of bridge, the interactions of the players and every twist and turn that could happen at the table.

"I was so happy five or six years ago when Jim decided to get away from the European winters and come down to Palm Springs each year to enjoy the sunshine, the desert bike rides, cooking and entertaining, and the opportunity of renewing our bridge partnership.

"My advice to Reese, Crane and Soloway is to look no further if they need a fourth for the great bridge game in the sky," Glynne said.

complain about being left out.

Ashton shared that Jim once agreed to be a judge in a presen-

tation of a version of The Gong Show to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Ace of Clubs.

Hank Gagnon gave a touching, if somewhat droning, reading of a Robert Service poem. Jim slowly got up, grabbed the mallet, and ended Hank's effort with a solid blow to the gong. Hank confessed to the crowd that being gonged by the "Village Elliott" was a true disappointment, memorably turning the tables on Jim.

"I was fortunate to have two nicknames," Garg said; "Little Brown Man and Gargoyle. Others included Piglet (Paul Cullen), Orifice (Oris Mowry), Junkyard Dog (Bill Hardy), Sherpup (Sherwin Moscow), Barf-a-Lot (Jon Bartlett), Whale (Dennis Sorenson), and Whale-Bait (Deborah Weiss)."

Ashton said that he is fairly sure Jim changed the "h" in Ashton's last name to create a wickedly effective nickname. "Hank Mullaney and Ethel Birnbach were Honk and Evil," Ashton added.

Garg noted that Jim's German friends had their own nickname for Jim: Giftzweg (Wicked Dwarf).

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# THE SECTIONAL SECTION

## Upcoming sectionals

### Sutter Buttes

The Sutter Buttes Sectional will be held Aug. 2-4 at St. John Episcopal Church in Marysville CA. See ad this page for details.

### Vancouver

The Vancouver Summer Sectional will be held Aug. 16-18 at Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 5 for details.

### Bend

The Bend Sectional will be held Aug. 23-25 at Kenwood School in Bend OR. See ad page 5 for details.

### Eureka

The Eureka Sectional will be held Sept. 6-8 at Humboldt Area Foundation in Eureka CA. See ad page 6 for details.

### Portland

The Portland Sectional will be held Sept. 7-8 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad page 6 for details.

### Boise

The Boise Sectional will be held Sept. 13-15 at the Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner in Boise. See ad page 7 for details.

### Medford

The Rogue Valley Fall Sectional will be held Sept. 13-15 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR. See ad page 7 for details.

## SECTIONAL RESULTS

### Maui Sectional (78 tables)

- 1 17.60 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC
- 2 14.19 Bruce Martin, Paia HI
- 3 14.17 Christopher Young, San Diego CA
- 4 11.87 Robert Fontana, Kula HI
- 5 11.60 Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI
- 6 11.60 Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI
- 7 11.26 Ronald Resnick, Kula HI
- 8 11.00 George Boettger, Kihei HI

### Boise Sectional (122 tables)

- 1 21.91 Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 21.91 Kathy Downen, Boise ID
- 3 20.76 John Cissel, Boise ID
- 20.76 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 5 19.53 Paul Penland, Eagle ID
- 19.53 John Zamboni, Caldwell ID
- 7 12.95 Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 12.95 Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 9 12.83 Jill Wood, Meridian ID
- 12.83 Bill Wood, Meridian ID
- 11 11.65 Robert Probasco, Ketchum ID
- 11.65 Dennis Raney, Ketchum ID

### Kona Sectional (83 tables)

- 1 23.75 Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI
- 2 20.51 Jim Cheney, Hilo HI
- 3 19.06 Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI
- 4 16.02 David Dodson, Pahoia HI
- 5 15.82 Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
- 6 13.60 Walter Knox, Kamuela HI
- 7 11.34 Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI
- 8 10.81 Susan Lee, Cheyenne WY

### Honolulu Sectional, March (114 tables)

- 1 21.63 Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
- 2 19.40 Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI
- 3 14.69 Wallace Young, Honolulu HI
- 4 14.12 Cherilyn Young, Honolulu HI
- 5 13.73 Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 6 12.94 Ruben Paet, Kapolei HI
- 7 12.90 Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
- 8 11.93 Mary Phillips, Honolulu HI
- 9 11.68 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
- 10 11.29 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI

### Chico Sectional (82 tables)

- 1 22.39 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 2 20.12 Steve Sellers, Eureka CA
- 3 15.57 Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA
- 15.57 D. Jones, Sacramento CA
- 5 14.91 Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA
- 6 11.56 Mark Bloom, Chico CA
- 7 11.20 Sherri Faroky, Chico CA
- 8 11.01 Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA
- 9 10.95 Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA

### Corvallis Sectional (175 tables)

- 1 22.23 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 2 21.87 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 3 18.80 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 18.80 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 5 18.57 McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR
- 6 17.07 Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
- 7 16.21 Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR
- 8 15.69 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 9 14.99 Cecil Chan, Portland OR
- 10 13.50 Eileen Boal, Albany OR
- 11 13.03 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 13.03 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 13 11.30 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 11.30 Nancy Jonske, Portland OR
- 15 10.53 Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 16 10.17 Terry Nagel, Eugene OR
- 10.17 John Wolf, Eugene OR

### Medford Sectional (97 tables)

- 1 22.99 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 22.99 Bobby Thompson, Klamath Falls OR
- 3 19.52 Robert Scott, Ashland OR
- 4 18.38 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 5 15.37 Kemble Yates, Ashland OR
- 6 15.32 Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 15.32 Bob Wierman, Anderson CA
- 8 14.97 James Flint, Ashland OR
- 9 13.84 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA
- 10 13.60 Mark McKechnie, Medford OR

### Ontario Sectional (115 tables)

- 1 25.14 Ian Martindale, Boise ID
- 25.14 Charlene Martindale, Boise ID

- 3 20.06 Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 20.06 Kathy Downen, Boise ID
- 5 15.31 Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 15.31 Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 7 15.06 Dolores Echanis, Ontario OR
- 8 14.48 John Cissel, Boise ID
- 14.48 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 10 11.82 Stephen Visocan, Townsend MT
- 11.82 Robert Donaldson, Ogden UT
- 12 11.62 Lorinda Pearson, Ontario OR

### Eugene I/N Sectional (52 tables)

- 1 3.79 Norton Cabell, Eugene OR
- 2 3.48 Martin Nice, Eugene OR
- 3.48 Ali Nice, Eugene OR
- 4 3.47 Carl Scheffler, Eugene OR
- 3.47 Ali Amory, Eugene OR
- 6 3.35 Karen Crooch, Salem OR
- 3.35 Hayward Reed, Salem OR

### Redding Sectional (87 tables)

- 1 14.66 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA
- 14.66 Leslie Reynolds, McKinleyville CA
- 3 13.26 July Ratley, Redding CA
- 13.26 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 5 11.73 Dolores Mackey, Redding CA
- 6 10.42 Mark Bloom, Chico CA
- 10.42 Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA
- 8 8.66 Russell Rector, Oakland CA
- 8.66 Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA

### Vancouver Sectional (126 tables)

- 1 21.09 Jeff McKee, Banks OR
- 21.09 David Brower, Portland OR
- 3 17.14 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 17.14 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 5 11.96 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 6 9.90 Raj Garg, Portland OR
- 9.90 Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
- 9.90 Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 9 9.35 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 10 9.19 Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 11 8.94 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
- 12 8.51 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA

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## 2019-20 North American Pairs ACBL District 20

Win a subsidized trip to Columbus, Ohio! Three or four pairs in each flight will earn the privilege to compete at the spring NABCs NAP Finals, March 19-29, 2020!

NAP club qualifying games are held in June, July, and August. Two such games per sanctioned session are permitted: each pay 1/2 Red-1/2 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

Time, Date	Event	MP limits
11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12	Flight A	open
11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 13	Flight B	under 2500
11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12	Flight C	NLM (<500)

All D20 Finals flights compete online via BBO



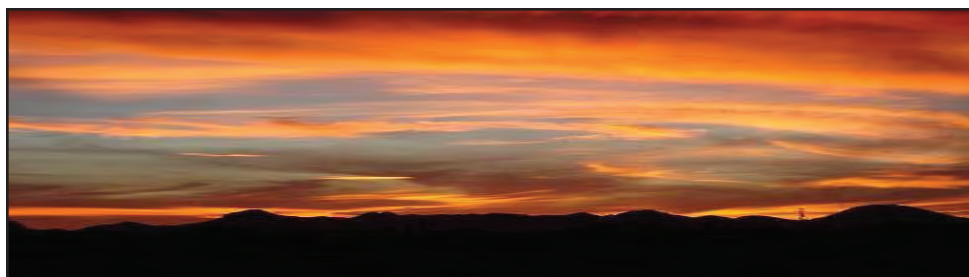
<http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2019/10/1910720.pdf>

### National Finals

The top three or four pairs in each flight will be invited to compete in the national finals against the other district finalists. These pairs receive subsidies from both D20 and ACBL including free entry fees. The national finals will be held during the Spring NABCs in March 2020 at Columbus, Ohio.

#### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Look on the ACBL website for additional details, or contact the district NAP Coordinator Hal Montgomery at [dewitt@imaginata.com](mailto:dewitt@imaginata.com), phone (503) 583-3717.



"Smallest mountain range in the world" Shawn Schoffstall

## Sutter Buttes Sectional Aug. 2-4, 2019

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

### Open Pair Games

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

### Entry Fees

- ACBL member:  
\$11 per person per session
- Lapsed ACBL member:  
\$15 per person per session

\*All 299er pairs stratified at the director's discretion

### Friday, Aug. 2

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

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

### Saturday, Aug. 3

- 10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (double session; single-session pairs welcome) 299er pairs\*

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

### Sunday, Aug. 4

- 10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (stratification based on attendance)

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

Director:

**Steve Kaessner**

Sanction

#1908090

# Play of the Hand

## Cards do the talking during play of the hand

One difference between experts and the rest is that experts are good at communicating useful information to their partners during play of the hand.

This hand from a Phoenix (Ore.) Bridge Center club game illustrates how defenders get those extra tricks.

North's 2NT call after the double signified a limit raise with four spades in their system. With a bare minimum and several quick losers, South signed off at 3♣. Neither East nor West was inclined to bid more, red versus white.

When West led the ♦A from the A-K, East had an opportunity to give his partner some guidance. He played his ♦10. West knew it was not asking for a continuation of diamonds since dummy had a singleton. Instead, the unusually high diamond asked West to shift to the highest side suit, hearts. East believed he might be able to get a heart ruff.

If East had wanted a club shift, he would have played a small diamond. How does West know? Because East has a choice of what kind of diamond to play, knowing his partner won't interpret it as anything to do with diamonds, per se.

Obligingly, West leads his ♥2 (suggesting a heart return was welcome), taken by East's ace, and then a heart back to West's king.

Dlr: South ♠9 7 6 2  
 Vul: E-W ♥Q J 9  
 Lead: ♦A ♦J  
 ♣K 10 9 4 3

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

♠A K Q J 5  
 ♥8 6 5 4  
 ♦Q 8 2  
 ♣J



**Jim Flint**  
Play of the Hand

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Dbl	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Now it's West's turn to signal. He wants to give East his heart ruff, but needs to tell East how to get back to him for another possible heart ruff. So, West leads the ♥3 for East to ruff, telling East to lead back a club. If West's entry was the ♠A, he'd lead the ♥10 for East to ruff instead of the 3.

When East ruffs the third heart, he leads a club to West's ace, and back comes another heart, ruffed in dummy and overruffed by East with the ♠10.

Two hearts, two heart ruffs, and the two minor suit aces: six defensive tricks for down two.

When the dummy came down, South counted four losers: one diamond, two hearts, and a club. What a difference signaling can make when partners are aware of what's going on!

A useful guideline is this: If it's apparent that attitude or count with regard to the suit led is unimportant, consider the card played by partner to your trick as suit preference.

Talk to your partner about situations where you can profitably indicate suit preferences on defense. With a little practice, your game will improve markedly.

You can reach Jim Flint at [pubathome@yahoo.com](mailto:pubathome@yahoo.com).

## SECTIONAL RESULTS

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### Seaside Sectional (110 tables)

- |    |       |  |
|----|-------|--|
| 1  | 29.58 | John Ashton, Portland OR                 |
| 2  | 29.14 | Jay Roll, Kelso WA                       |
| 3  | 19.34 | Irene Pickett, Portland OR               |
| 4  | 19.29 | Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR |
| 5  | 18.54 | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR                |
| 6  | 15.62 | Marie Ashton, Portland OR                |
| 7  | 15.56 | Layne Benben, Portland OR                |
| 8  | 14.49 | Sherwin Moscow, Vancouver WA             |
|    | 14.49 | Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA         |
| 10 | 14.48 | Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA       |

## NEW ACBL MEMBERS

- |                                |                                    |                                      |
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Welcome!

## Vancouver USA Summer Sectional

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

Aug. 16-18, 2019

### Friday, Aug. 16

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

### Saturday, Aug. 17

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|--|---------|
| 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. 18

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|--|---------------|
| Memorial Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (AXY & BCD) ..... | 10 a.m. & TBA |
| *Stratified Fast Pairs (single session) .....          | 10 a.m.       |

\*Field stratified by director based on entries

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=0-100	Y=0-3000
		B=750-1500
		C=300-750
		D=0-300

All pair strats determined by average MP of pair, but **AXY, BCD, & 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

Free coffee, tea and snacks!

Tournament Coordinator: Mariam Saner, 858-603-0050, [mariamsaner@me.com](mailto:mariamsaner@me.com)

Partnership Desk: Joy Fletcher, 360-721-2578, [joy53640@comcast.net](mailto:joy53640@comcast.net)

Sanction No. 1908045

## High Desert Sectional



### Kenwood School

701 NW Newport Ave., Bend ~ Bend Unit 476, District 20

August 23-25, 2019 ~ Prizes galore!



#### Session entry fees:

\$10 for ACBL members

\$14 lapsed ACBL members

Partnership Chair: Larry Smith

Tournament Chair: Connie Baker

Director: Michael Weber

Email: [LDSLJS711@gmail.com](mailto:LDSLJS711@gmail.com)

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**Friday, Aug. 23** 10 a.m. & 3 p.m., Stratified Open Pairs & 199er pairs (3 p.m. game free for players with less than 5 MPs) Single sessions

**Saturday, Aug. 24** 10 a.m. & 3 p.m., Stratified Open Pairs & 199er pairs Play through

**Sunday, Aug. 25** 10 a.m. & TBA, Stratified Swiss Teams

**Strats:** 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+; 199er: 0-200 MPs (strat determined by average for pairs games, team average for team game)

**Directions:** From Highway 97, take the Revere St. exit. Go south on Wall St., then turn right on Newport Ave. Turn left on Harmon Blvd. The Kenwood School is on the right.

#### Accommodations:

Lodging and restaurants in the area are plentiful. Go to [visitcentraloregon.com](http://visitcentraloregon.com) or [visitbend.com](http://visitbend.com) to find out all there is to see and do in the high desert.

Lunch will be available on Sunday, but must be purchased by 2:30 p.m. on Saturday

Sanction No. 1908092

## DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

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Congratulations!

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- **Maritime climate**  
*(Escape the heat!)*
- **Free lodging**  
*(Limited; reserve early)*
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- **Grand finale dinner**  
*at oceanside home*



Unit 458 Presents  
**Eureka California Sectional**  
**Sept. 6-8, 2019**

Humboldt Area Foundation  
 363 Indianola Road, Eureka, CA

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**Friday, Sept. 6**

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

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 8**

10 a.m. & TBA — Swiss Teams

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

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

**Tournament Chair & Director:** Mark Phelps, 707-443-9029  
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**Host Motel:** Holiday Inn Express Suites  
 3107 Concorde Dr.  
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**Ask for bridge rate**

## Portland Fall Sectional

### Sept. 7-8, 2018

**Get your SILVER sectional points!**

**SATURDAY, Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.**  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs, two-session playthrough  
 (single session entries welcome)  
 Flight AX (plays separately), A=3000+, X=0-3000  
 Flight BCD: B (1250-2000), C (750-1250), D (0-750)  
**Single session events (10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.)**  
 Non-LM pairs (0-500, Stratified), one session events  
 Novice pairs (0-100, stratified, # of tables permitting)

**SUNDAY, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m., 2nd session TBA**  
 Flight A/X Swiss Teams, VPs  
 Flight A=3000+, 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 brackets determined by average masterpoints of team**

**Sunday lunch available for purchase between sessions.**  
**Please, no scents or perfume**

**Playing site**  
**Montgomery Park**  
**2701 NW Vaughn St.**  
**Portland, OR 97210**  
**503-228-7275**



Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's total. Thereafter, strats and brackets determined by average of pair or team.

New ACBL players (0-5) play FREE!

FREE Coffee & Snacks

**Head Director: Jeff Jacob**  
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 \$12 per session. \$16 for lapsed ACBL members.  
 \$5 for students under age 26 with student I.D. and ACBL membership

Sanction #S1909142



# THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

## Sherry learns about balancing actions

### BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

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Ted Runstein, Portland OR  
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Susan Haas, Redding CA  
Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR  
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Aiea HI



Everett Fukushima

Sherry Squirrel is pacing and worrying about the sectional that she is planning to attend. She is starting to understand that sectionals offer her silver points. Regionals offer gold points. She is still kicking herself for the last time she played with the amazing, confident Noah, the Northern Goshawk.

Last time they played together, she misplayed three hands egregiously. And a few more hands were misguessed, or a pro could have played them so much better. Maybe a squeeze or two missed, or a throw-in not found. Sherry practices regularly and hopes to get over it. Noah was very sweet when she misplayed a hand and apologized. He said, "You don't need to apologize to me."

She is reviewing her notes. Listen to the auction. Take your time on the opening lead to count and remember what you heard or did not hear.

[Sherry's pov]

Vulnerable, sitting West I pick up:

♠J 8 7 6 ♥K 7 3 ♦J 9 3 ♣A J 3.

North starts the auction: 1♥, pass, pass, to me. Should I pass? Do I double? Double it is! I don't have much defense and I hope partner will bid a spade. I hear 2♥ on my left and my partner bids 3♦. It goes pass, pass, pass.

Poor Noah gets the heart lead through my king. He says, "Circle this hand," after going down three. He showed discipline not to overcall his ♦AKQ54. It was not good enough red against white.

Later we discussed if the vulnerability was reversed, I could have bid INT if I held just one more point. This is a bid I never would have thought of. He said I needed 11 to 14 HCP. This is the balancing seat notrump. I looked at my card and sure enough, it said 11 to 14 HCP in that seat.

Noah explained that the assumption was partner held around 10 HCP. And if partner holds opening values, then maybe we should be in game. Since I had a bad shape for a takeout double, and not enough points for INT, I guess I should have used that nasty four-letter word that I seem to use at the wrong time.

So later in the same session, I pick up this hand:

♠A Q 7 2 ♥A 5 ♦K 10 7 2 ♣Q J 5

To my left, they open 1♣, pass, pass to me. I am in that balancing seat again.

And I cannot make a takeout double over the opener because I do not hold both majors. Nor can I bid INT (11-14 in the balancing seat) so I make the double with the intention of bidding INT next time around. This is how I will show partner my HCP and shape. Here's how the auction proceeds.

Sherry	North	Noah	South
	1♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	1♦	1♥
INT	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

My partner did not double. See the hands below.

♠J 9 4 3  
♥Q J 9 8  
♦J  
♣A K 6 3

♠A Q 7 2  
♥A 5  
♦K 10 7 2  
♣Q J 5

♠8 6 5  
♥K 7  
♦A Q 9 4  
♣10 9 8 2

♠K 10  
♥10 6 4 3 2  
♦8 6 5 3  
♣7 4

Same vulnerability, different hand — still we are not getting to the right spot.

♠6 4 ♥K J 5 ♦K J 9 4 ♣K J 9 6

The final hand of the day, everyone is vulnerable and the auction is 1♦ on my left, pass, pass to me. I decide to double. Not enough thought on my behalf, and, of course, partner jumps in spades. Noah thought we had a double fit and shortness in diamonds. Noah, upon seeing the dummy, says, "You liked their suit better than mine."

Maybe this will stick in my sad little squirrel brain. If partner has 10 points, and they are in one of my better suits, I should let them play it. Odds are they are in the wrong spot. We are the only ones playing in spades our direction. And diamonds did not fare well. Passing is a problem bid for me. If I have no bid, I should pass. I am putting that on all my convention cards.

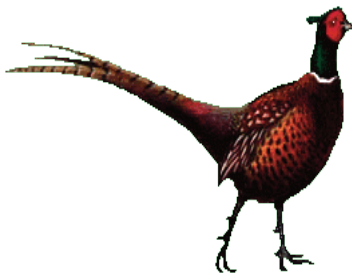
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Boise Unit 394  
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## Boise Fall Sectional

Sept. 13-15, 2019  
**Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner**  
1800 Fairview Ave.  
Boise, Idaho 83702  
(208) 344-7691  
*Room rate of \$90 available until Aug. 23, 2019*

New location!



**Friday, September 13**  
12:30 and 6 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs  
12:30 and 6 p.m.: 0-199er games

**Saturday, September 14**  
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs  
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: 0-199er games

**Sunday, September 15**  
10 a.m.: Stratified Swiss Teams

**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:** Art Crawford; [acraw42@gmail.com](mailto:acraw42@gmail.com); 208-401-4108  
**Partnership Chair:** Leslie Muir; [lamuir55@gmail.com](mailto:lamuir55@gmail.com); 208-401-4106

**Tournament Director:** John Gram

No coffee will be provided at this event

Special 99ers game Saturday!

# 2019 Southern Oregon Fall Sectional

Friday-Sunday  
Sept. 13-15

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

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**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Sept. 13 (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. 14 (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 (single session) .....10 a.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
Swiss Teams, stratified by avg. MPs ....10 a.m. and TBA  
*Lunch available between sessions*  
\*99er and 299er games depend on player availability

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**HOSTS AND INFORMATION**

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**Partnerships:** Gee Gee Walker,  
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**RECEPTION**

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

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**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.

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**STRATIFICATIONS**

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

Sanction No. 1909117

# MEMPHIS SPRING NABC

## Third in Silver Ribbon Pairs with a pickup partner

By Hal Montgomery  
The Trumpet

I was feeling very unlucky in Memphis when my partner's flights were canceled and he couldn't get to the tournament in time to play the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, a senior event. A very fine player, Michael Schreiber, also was unexpectedly without a partner and asked me to play.



Hal Montgomery

Michael had a fiery reputation when he lived in Portland, but in Memphis he was a perfectly composed gentleman. He never said a word when, on the fourth board, I turned plus 500 into minus 730.

I dropped a bit more over the first third of the first session. We overcame my rough start to be leading at the half and finished third overall. I could have played a bit better and we would have finished a bit higher, but I couldn't have been any luckier with my serendipitous partner.

On my first board I was keeping score and noticed the name of my opponent. I asked him where he went to college and asked him if he remembered taking me to my first duplicate game when

he was a senior, back from Vietnam, and I was a freshman. There were four people in that beat-up old car. Three of them were playing at the Memphis NABC 48 years later. Bridge is an addiction like no other.

I did well in the senior pairs. I can't remember a single hand, so I thought I would write about an interesting hand from the Lebharr IMP pairs.

How do you make 6♥ against any lead? It took a few minutes to figure it out. Please give it a try before reading the answer.

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♠Q 10 9 4 2
♥A 5
♦J 6
♣A Q 7 6

♠K 8 7 3
♥Q 8
♦K Q 10 9
♣K J 2

♠J 6
♥7
♦A 8 7 5 4 3
♣8 5 4 3

♠A 5
♥K J 10 9 6 4 3 2
♦2
♣10 9
    
```

You force a cover of the ♣10 or 9 and return to your hand and do it again. Then you take a third-round ruffing finesse of the ♠8. Bridge is such an easy game. There were lots of 680s. I wonder if that's the way they played it. They can make it easier by letting a club go by

## 'So we went to Memphis'

### Roseburg women play in North American Pairs B

By Cheryl Berens  
For The Trumpet



Cheryl Berens and Brenda Biermann

Brenda Biermann, a rookie, asked me this winter if I would play in the North American Pairs with her. I said, sure, and lo and behold, we placed, and then through attrition we won. So, we went to the NABC in Memphis to compete further.

It was the first ever national tournament for Brenda and my first national in quite a while. What a wonderful experience for us both. We were there for a week. We played in the B pairs.

After our small club games with three to six tables, the sight of 55 tables of bridge players — and that was just in the first room — was astonishing to Brenda. Players were intense and focused, but we found some oases of laughter. We won a few points and learned a few pointers.

Brenda shopped the bridge books, I shopped the bridge socks and scarves, and we dined out on barbecued ribs, grilled catfish and (for me) grits.

We rode the trolley and visited the Peabody Hotel to see the famous ducks. The duckmaster, in his red velvet jacket, with a flourish and air of formality, marched them down the red carpet to the elevator. It was time to go back to their room to await the next day's walk to the fountain, a marble creation in the center

of the hotel lobby. The place was jammed with people taking photos.

We played lots of good bridge, some not so good, met some bridge celebrities, ate good food and ACBL issued a check that paid most of our expenses. What a super way to go to a tournament. We certainly plan to play this event again.

On the way to Memphis, on the plane, I met an 11-year-old boy who became very interested when I told him about the bridge tournament. I asked him how his grades were in school. He said very good and his favorite subject was math. I asked if they taught bridge in his school and he said no, but wished they would. After a pleasant flight, I told him goodbye and enjoy his vacation.

On the trip home, in Denver, there he was again. He gave me a big hug and asked about my trip. I got to meet his mother, a brother and sister. I hope I planted the seeds for a future bridge star.

## Off to a good start in Rockwell Mixed Pairs

### Portland pair places 19th

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

Even though I've been to more NABCs than I probably ever thought I would attend when I first started playing bridge, I have not had much experience playing in actual NABC events.

Really, an NABC is like a giant regional with a few big-name events in which you can potentially earn a national title and/or platinum points. My first and only time playing in a big-name event was in 2014 in Las Vegas. I played in the Roth Open Swiss with Joe Stanisiewski and we teamed with Ed Lee and Chuck Swart. Unfortunately, we killed off most of a bottle of Wild Turkey the night before and I seriously thought I might die. We won two matches, though, so I did earn 1.59 platinum points!

This spring in Memphis I was planning to play in three national events: NAP Flight A, the Lebharr IMP Pairs, and the Rockwell Mixed Pairs.

I did not play particularly well in Flight A and the competition was very good. Every pair is pretty strong. We had some chances to do much better and perhaps qualify for the second day but did not. My partner for the IMP Pairs fell through and I didn't feel like playing in the event with a pickup since I don't really understand IMP pairs anyway. I planned to play Sunday in a pairs event and take Monday off and be rested and sharp for the Mixed.

My partner, Hal Montgomery, had so far had a very good tournament, placing third in the Silver Ribbon pairs and in the overalls in the IMP Pairs. Maybe that led him to believe we should be seeded, so he filled out the card and we waited for a table assignment.

We finally found our table and settled



Amy Casanova and Hal Montgomery

in. My very first hand I picked up:

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♠K J 7 5 4 2
♥10 4
♦9 8 5 2
♣2
    
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No one is vulnerable and my RHO deals and passes. This does not meet my standards for a weak-two bid in first or second position but I thought the field would be preempting, so I did too. I opened 2♠, my LHO chimed in with 3♣, and Hal bid 4♣. Now my RHO bid 5♣, I passed, South passed, and Hal doubled.

Plus 800. Hal noted I maintained discipline for zero hands. The full deal:

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Dir: North
Vul: None

♠9
♥J 8 7 3 2
♦A 10 7 4
♣Q 7 6

♠A 8 6
♥A Q 9 6
♦Q 6
♣A 10 8 3

♠Q 10 3
♥K 5
♦K J 3
♣K J 9 5 4
    
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West	North	East	South
Hal		Amy	
	Pass	2♠	3♣
4♣	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

On the companion board I opened in first seat with a weak notrump holding an

unremarkable 3=4=4=2, 12-count. I was allowed to play it there, and thanks to friendly leads and poor signaling, I made two.

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Dir: East
Vul: N-S

♠10 6 4 3 2
♥Q 5
♦K J 5 4
♣A 2

♠8
♥A 9 8 4
♦10 9 2
♣Q 7 5 4 3

♠A K J 5
♥J 10 7
♦7 3
♣K 10 9 6
    
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Hal	North	Amy	South
		INT	All Pass

South led the ♥J. Dummy could be worse and upon further reflection the heart and diamond spots started to look pretty good.

I won the jack in hand with the king and led a low heart to dummy's ace, intending to take a diamond finesse. I was happy to see the ♥Q fall on my right. Now I just needed to knock out the ♥10 and I have another dummy entry. First, I floated the ♦10. Then the 9 was covered by the jack and queen, and I led a heart from my hand. South won and cashed his high spade honors, but he must have misread his partner's attitude because he continued with a low spade to my queen.

Well, I wasted no time going to dummy's high heart and repeating the diamond finesse to my 8. I took three hearts, four diamonds, and a spade. If the opponents choose to take their five spades and two clubs, I'll be down one before I get in.

We wished our opponents good luck and got up from the table. I looked at Hal and we said at the same time, "I don't think we were seeded."

We made it to the second day and finished 19th.

## Unknown D20 player Cox wins 10K Swiss

S. Reno Cox of Eugene won the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams in Memphis with Marshall Lewis of Bloomington IN, Maximo Cruzisio and Rodrigo Garcia De Rosa.



Reno Cox

Though Cox is a longtime resident of Eugene, he does not play in the club there or in D20 tournaments.

He doesn't play at all much, having gained about 100 masterpoints in the previous seven years — an unusually low amount for a Silver Life Master.

Cox won 7 platinum points and 63 gold in the event, making him a Ruby Life Master.

## Memphis

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In regional events, Suzanne St. Thomas won the final side game. In the Wednesday evening A/X/Y Swiss teams, Ron Root, Joel Datloff, Rick Prouser and Ray Robert were 1Y. In the Tuesday evening Swiss, Roger Thomas, Jon Gasaway, Jan Clemmons and Deanne Takasumi were 1C. Muriel Stitt was 1B in the Monday afternoon side game. Tom McKenna's team won bracket 3 of the Sunday bracketed B Swiss.



# Emerald Empire Regional

**Aug. 5-11, 2019**  
**Eugene, Oregon**

## SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7 p.m. .... Blue Heron Bracketed KOs  
(winners continue Tues. at 1 & 7 p.m.)  
7 p.m. .... Open Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)  
(part of Evening Side Game Series, 1 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

9 a.m. .... Morning Stratified Swiss Teams  
(continues Wed. at 9 a.m.)  
9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... McKenzie River Bracketed KOs  
(winners continue at 7 p.m.; and Thur. at 1 & 7 p.m.)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)



### THURSDAY AUGUST 8

9 a.m. .... Valley River Compact KOs  
(winners continue Fri. at 9 a.m.)  
9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... Weekend Bracketed KOs  
(winners continue at 7 p.m.; and Sat. at 1 & 7 p.m.)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
1 p.m. .... Willamette Valley Compact KOs  
(winners continue at 7 p.m.)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)  
7 p.m. .... Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

### SUNDAY AUGUST 11

10 a.m. & TBA.... Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams  
10 a.m. & TBA..... Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams  
(both 2 sessions)  
10 a.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

## LODGING

### INFORMATION

**Valley River Inn**  
1000 Valley River Way,  
Eugene OR 97401.  
800-543-8266  
or 541-743-1000

- Located on the banks of the Willamette River, next to the Valley River Center.
- On-site restaurant, Sweetwaters on the River.
- Complimentary guestroom Wifi, outdoor pool and 24-hour Fitness Center.
- Deluxe (single or double) -109.
- Pool View/Suite (single or double) - \$119.
- Up to four per room. Additional people may be added for \$10 each per night.
- Reservations guaranteed until July 8, 2019, or until "bridge block" is full.
- Early departure fees will apply.

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Caddy Master: Laurie Rowe.  
Hospitality: Martin and Ali Nice.  
Photographer: Ellen McCumsey.

## STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Events: Open/3000/ 1500  
♦ Gold Rush Events: 750/300/200  
Stratified Open Events: Open/2000/750  
♦ 299er Events: 300/100/50  
Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams:  
Open/ 4000/2500 (Plays alone; 20 VP)  
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams: 0-2000 (n  
player over 2000); teams play in groups of 7-9 b  
MP average; gold points in each bracket; (20 vp).  
♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer (1/N)  
Events.  
• Eligibility for flighted events based on top  
player's masterpoint total. Thereafter, strats  
determined by average of pair or team. • One  
bracket KO may be handicapped. • Play 2 times  
side game series to qualify for overall gold point

## ELIGIBILITY, TABLE FEES

- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's masterpoints total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team. • One bracket KO may be handicapped. • Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.

Table Fees: ACBL members \$13;  
lapsed members \$17; underage 26, \$6.

## INTERMEDIATE/ NEWCOMER PROGRAM

I/N reception on  
Wednesday with  
D20 I/N Coordinator:  
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[D20incoord@yahoo.com](mailto:D20incoord@yahoo.com);  
503-805-2103



D20 web site  
[www.ACBLD20.org](http://www.ACBLD20.org)



## Big clubs: Managers at the district's largest clubs focus on keeping customers happy, teaching new players



David Castles and David Brower  
Portland Bridge Club

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"We love the sense of community that we've built and especially love teaching," he says. "We get to introduce people to our wonderful game, provide an environment in which newer players can grow, and provide opportunities for experienced players to play and enjoy themselves."

Brower considers his largest frustration the curse of the half-table. "Calling people up shortly before game time in order to find someone to help fill out a movement is difficult," Brower says. "Both because I don't want to disturb other people's days unnecessarily and because of the pressure involved with starting a game. The 10 minutes right around the start of a game are not good times to be socializing with a director," he says. Castles says he gets frustrated when players get frustrated.

Promoting the club and working to retain members are key parts of the gig. So how do they do it at the Portland Bridge Club?

"Teaching, teaching, teaching," says Brower. "We run a 'Learn to Play Bridge' series six times a year. We also have classes every week and try to run series at other times throughout the year at various levels."

Castles says they always have a good spread of food and try to maintain a fun atmosphere in the club.

"We also really try to have everyone who walks through the door feel like the Portland Bridge Club is their club," says Brower. "It's like they are entering their good friend's house. They can just go grab some coffee and snacks. Hang out and work on the jigsaw puzzle. Sit on our couch. Chat with friends or just grab a table and read the newspaper."

Part of maintaining a fun atmosphere for the Portland Bridge Club also includes holiday parties, charity events, and a Memorial Day potluck that last year included 28 tables. Brower says they have birthday bashes every month. "Everyone who has a birthday that month gets to play for free," he says.

Beyond the perks and the parties, the favorite part of running a club for Castles is helping support a vibrant, caring community. For Brower? "The fact that I get paid to make other people's lives happier and to teach them."

### Vancouver Bridge Club

Rich Carle has been running the third-largest club in District 20 for the last 10 years. With 3,315 tables last year, the Vancouver Bridge Club hosts a lot of members, and with that come a lot of challenges. The biggest, he notes, is dealing with bad behavior. "Ours is a member-owned club, so it's often difficult to get consensus on matters affecting the club," he says. "But the players are always so supportive and understanding."

Carle has tried several things to promote the club, including running ads in the local paper, but found that word of mouth tends to work best. So, he aims to keep his members happy with educational programs and events.

"We have a great educational program and we run several limited games," he says. "Our mentor game includes a short lesson."

The Vancouver Bridge Club also has an awards game in the spring to honor players who topped their category in earning mas-



With more than a hundred tables per week, **Portland Bridge Club** is District 20's largest by about a thousand tables. The Ace of Clubs, also in the Portland area, is second.



**Vancouver Bridge Club** is member-owned, similar to many small clubs, despite hosting over 3000 tables a year.



Teaching programs help build the membership at large clubs like **Boise Bridge Cooperative**.



**Emerald Bridge Club** maintains a community-oriented, small-club feel despite hosting about 200 tables a month.

terpoints. "We also have a holiday party off-site that is very popular," says Carle.

And while the parties are great, Carle

says his favorite part of running a club is looking for innovations to make the game more fun.



Kay Read, Daryl Sallaz and Judy Staufer  
Bridge Cooperative of Boise

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Read and Company make plenty of time for fun, too.

"Sundays, we have a potluck before the game to provide a social half-hour for people to relax and visit with each other," Read says. She and her colleagues provide the main dish and ask the players to bring sides.

Read says the group also hosts three to four "Eight is Enough" team games on Saturdays. Teams cannot have more than eight points, assigning points as follows: 1 for 0-300 masterpoints, 2 for 300-1,000, and 3 for 1,000 plus. "The more experienced players team up with the less experienced ones, and we hold a round-robin team game where everyone plays everyone if possible." Read says it's a very popular game, so they usually have a great turnout.

### Emerald Bridge Club

The Emerald Bridge Club clocked in at 2,368 tables last year. Owned by husband and wife Don Marsh and Sherri Morgan, the EBC has been about creating community from day one.

"Bridge is, in some ways, just the excuse that gives us all a reason to get together," Marsh says. "We both feel blessed to be associated with all the folks who make up the Emerald Bridge Club community."

And while Marsh says there are occasional frustrations, he feels it would be a disservice to all the folks who play at EBC to spend time focusing on it. "All of us who have the good fortune to play at EBC know how fortunate we are," he says.

Morgan agrees, saying they've worked hard to create an environment that is fun and friendly.

"We support one another in every way we can," she says. "We applaud one another's successes, and we are all there to comfort and support one another when the need arises."

As owners, Marsh and Morgan are very aware that they don't always get it right.

"We are committed to always looking at ways to improve the experience that is EBC," Marsh says. "While we are aware that we certainly provide a service to our players, we feel that comes back to us tenfold with the feeling that we are making a difference and making a contribution."

Marsh and Morgan believe what makes EBC unique is that there is no division within their club.

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Rich Carle, Vancouver Bridge Club

"I was instrumental in bringing electronic scoring devices to the club and then a dealing machine," Carle says. "I have researched

and used various movement options for games, including the web movement." Carle says he also worked with Merlin Vilhauer to develop and use a one-click web posting program that has now been eclipsed by several commercial programs.

### Boise Bridge Cooperative

Another of the district's large clubs, with 2,445 tables last year, is co-owned by Kay Read, Judy Staufer and Daryl Sallaz. The three opened the Boise Bridge Cooperative in March of 2014. And with such a large volume of tables, the biggest challenge for Read is keeping everyone happy. But, in turn, the biggest reward is when the stars align and things run smoothly.

"The best feeling is when someone tells me we're doing a great job," Read says. "It's so nice to be appreciated."

The trio of owners do a lot to promote and retain members, most of which is based around educating newcomers on how to play the game. Not only have they offered several different classes for beginners and intermediates over the years, they also offer a 199ers game each Thursday.

"Players can come without a partner because we have a person on standby to



Players dress in costume for Halloween at the Boise Bridge Cooperative.



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Emerald Bridge Club

Club celebrates Neyhart's three-peat in race

By Don Marsh

The Trumpet

Once is impressive. Twice is remarkable. Three times? Unprecedented.

Yet that is exactly what Irva Kay Neyhart of Corvallis has accomplished, winning the Ace of Clubs award in three consecutive brackets in three consecutive years. We are not talking at the club level, or unit level or even district level. We are talking nationally.

In 2016 Irva won in the 2500-3500 bracket. In 2017 she stepped up and took top honors in the 3500-5000 group and completed the trifecta by taking top honors at the 5000-7500 bracket in 2018.

If all that was not enough, Irva's total points for 2018 were 1005, which garnered her 78th place in last year's Barry Crane Top 500. Of all the players in District 20, only Roger McNay placed higher. Roger's 1038 total was good for 70th. That's out of approximately 165,000 members in ACBL.

Even more remarkable, relative to most players at her level, Irva almost could be considered a newbie. As referenced in a story in the Daily Bulletin at an NABC this year, she did not attend her first national until 2016. Irva semi-retired in 2014 when she sold the accounting company she had founded and only then really began to focus on becoming a better player. She has won her Ace of Clubs bracket every year since 2012 at the district level and has also won the district Mini-McKenney race for five straight years.



Irva Kay Neyhart at the Memphis NABC.

Irva, who is now a Diamond Life Master with more than 6200 points, said, "I've never taken a lesson."

While Irva's home club is Corvallis, she is far from just a homebody. She plays regularly in Portland, Salem and Eugene as well as attending about 15 tournaments a year. She estimates that she played in about 450 sessions in 2018.

There is more to her story than just her time at the tables. She currently serves as the area representative to District 20 for the Eugene, Albany-Corvallis and Salem units. In addition, she serves on the district's finance committee and has been asked to serve on a special

committee that has been created to examine ways the district might be able to reduce expenses.

As owners of the Emerald Bridge Club in Eugene-Springfield, Sherri Morgan and I and all of the rest of folks who play at EBC know how fortunate we are to have Irva spend time at our tables. She is always gracious and always ready to offer advice or answer a question when asked. I have heard this more than once: "Let's ask Irva what we should have bid."

All of us at the Emerald Bridge Club want to say how proud we are of Irva and how much we celebrate her success.

**Closed: Yuba City Club folds**

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John's Episcopal Church in Marysville. The final Sutter Buttes Sectional will be held there Aug. 2-4.

In its last month, the club offered free plays. A potluck lunch was held for the final game May 23. There were no games the last week of the month because of the Sacramento regional in District 21.

The Bidwell Bridge Club in Chico is offering free plays to Yuba City players during the month of June. Clubs in Grass Valley and Sacramento are also within an hour away.

"We are not giving up on the game, just moving to new pastures," Murdock said.

It was the last remaining club between Chico and Sacramento, following closures of clubs in Marysville, Paradise and Oroville.

The area was once home to some of the district's most active members in bridge governance. Bob Lix spent many years as District 20's representative on the ACBL board and served as its treasurer for several of those years. Bob and Sally Lix have moved away but visit the area on occasion. Before



JoAnne Murdock

her term as district president, Murdock served six years as secretary/treasurer, the position now known as business manager that Marie Ashton holds. Murdock was also the area representative on the district board for many years.

She described the April death of Tom Frye at 93 as "the last blow to our club." Frye had been a club member for over 50 years.

**Rowe**  
New site for Boise  
2020 regional

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walking distance of the playing site.

We have found a different playing site for Boise — the Nampa Civic Center, just 20 minutes away — and I'm excited about attending in 2020.

The board continues to look at ways to reduce spending. Please share your ideas with your area rep. The board will meet in Eugene and I am hoping that we can begin to implement some ideas.

Speaking of Eugene, I may have some bias, but it really is a delightful tournament along the river. August in the Willamette Valley is very special. Hope to see you there.

District 20 President Laurie Rowe can be reached at [district20pres@gmail.com](mailto:district20pres@gmail.com).

**Vilhauer: Governance plan has merit but could improve**

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collusive cheating permanently without the possibility of their being readmitted. A motion to reconsider was approved, changing the wording to "premeditated collusive cheating at NABC+ events."

**Committees**

The board established a new Masterpoint Committee of eight people, two of whom are board members.

Hendrik Sharples was reappointed to another three-year term on the Ethical Oversight Committee.

I am a member of the new Governance Committee, chaired by Margot Hennings. Responding to suggestions that the board is too large, with 25 members, it is looking at ways to restructure the governance of ACBL.

The proposed plan would take four to five years to implement. Part of the rea-

son is New York law, under which the ACBL was incorporated, does not allow any elected person's term to be shortened. The concept is to set up a nine-member board of directors that would be charged with general overall guidance of the league.

The current Board of Governors would be replaced by a Senate composed of two members from each of the current districts and would be charged with the oversight of all bridge-related matters. It would set up committees that would, for the most part, operate autonomously and develop various programs.

The ACBL board will continue discussion of the matter in Las Vegas this summer with the full board. There will be surveys and information-gathering conducted beforehand.

Part of the reason I am running for reelection is that it's such a difficult task

and it doesn't seem right to turn it over to a new board member. I am also on the governance committee, which has the task of finding a solution to a difficult problem.

I have some concerns about district representation, but I have witnessed how hard this committee has worked and I do believe they will work out the kinks and reach a plan that will represent us, save money, and provide for a smaller, more cohesive board.

**Tournaments**

District 20 has two more tournaments this year — Eugene in August, and Seaside in September/October.

If I can answer any questions or if you just want to pass along any news or suggestions, you can contact me at the email address below.

District director Merlin Vilhauer can be reached at [district20director@acbl.org](mailto:district20director@acbl.org).

# The Oregon Coast Regional

# at Seaside

## SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, September 30

- 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 1

- 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 Rush 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 2

- 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 3000)
- 1 & 7 p.m. ....♦ **Coho Gold Rush 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 3

- 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 3000)
- 1 & 7 p.m. ....♦ **Chinook Gold Rush Pairs**  
(Thursday continues - see next column)

### THURSDAY, October 3 (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 4

- 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 Rush 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 5

- 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 Rush 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 6

- 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! (Single session 299er teams accommodated.)

**Sept. 30-Oct. 6, 2019**

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## INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

- ♦ Saturday prize games.
- ♦ Between sessions party.
- ♦ Tips for Tops: Daily speakers 6:15 pm.
- ♦ Mini-Classes: Wed - Sat. 12 - 12:30 pm.
- ♦ Morning 299er Pairs Tues - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 299er Pairs Tues - Sat.
- ♦ Evening 299er Pairs Mon - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 99er Pairs Tues - Sat.
- ♦ Gold Rush 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**  
Open/2000/750

**Three Strat Open Pairs**  
Open/3000/1500

**Two Strat Open Pairs**  
Open/3000

**Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 3000)**  
3000/1500

♦ **Gold Rush Pairs (Under 750)**  
750/300/200

♦ **299er Events (Under 300)**  
300/200/100

♦ **99er Events (Under 100)**  
100/50/20

**Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams**  
Open/4000/2500 (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.
- One bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.

- ♦ Indicates I/N events. (Intermediate/Newcomer).

### TABLE FEES

ACBL members \$13

Lapsed ACBL members \$17

Under age 26, \$6

## ACCOMMODATIONS/TRAVEL

- **THE INN AT SEASIDE:**  
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Strategic Thinking

# Bidding strategy: Notrump or a suit contract?

One of the most important aspects of bridge is bidding judgment. No matter what bidding system you play and how many conventions your partnership has adopted, you have to consistently use a solid bidding judgment to get to the best contract.

Among the numerous aspects of bidding judgment, one of the most interesting and useful ones is choosing whether to aim for a notrump contract or, instead, a suit contract.

At matchpoints, the form of scoring makes notrump more attractive only if you can take at least as many tricks in a notrump contract as you would in a suit contract.

Playing IMPs, however, your only goal is to get to the safest contract; but even then, you have to decide which is the safest between notrump and a suit contract. Let's study the different elements you have to ponder before choosing the final contract, let's talk "bidding judgment!"

♦ **Solid stoppers:** This is the first and perhaps most obvious element you have to take into account. If you don't have solid stoppers in every suit, you want to avoid notrump. Holdings such as KJ 10x, AJ 10x, KQJ or QJ 10x are ideal solid stoppers, which can be considered "notrumpy" holdings. However, holdings such as Ax or Kx are not solid stoppers (if the opponents lead that suit, your only stopper disappears) and normally suggest you should aim for a suit contract. Of course, this is only looking at your own hand. Partner should also evaluate his hand properly and

decide whether it is notrumpy or not. With two such hands, the partnership should end up in a notrump contract. With two suit-oriented hands, the partnership should end up in a suit contract. It becomes more difficult if one hand is notrumpy and the other one is not.

♦ **Intermediate cards:** This is related to the previous paragraph. Good spot cards usually make notrump more attractive, while empty holdings favor suit contracts. Take a look at those frequent suit combinations. Combination 1: Q 4 3 2 opposite J 5. Combination 2: Q 10 8 7 opposite J 9. With the first combination, you have at best one trick in notrump and at least three losers, while you have no more than two losers playing in a suit contract.

With the second combination, however, you can force out the ace and king in a notrump contract and produce two winners. In a suit contract, you would have the same two losers, so you would take the same number of tricks, which means you want to be in notrump. So, every time you pick up a hand, take a look at its texture to decide whether you want to aim for a notrump contract or for a suit contract.

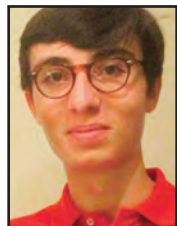
♦ **4-4, 5-3, or 6-2:** When you have an eight-card fit, especially an eight-card major-suit fit, you are often taught to set that eight-card suit as the trump suit. However, a strategic player will sometimes consider notrump when having such a fit. And he will do so almost only with a 5-3 or 6-2 fit, not a 4-4 fit. Why? With a 4-4

fit, a ruff in either hand will produce an extra trick, therefore making a suit contract more attractive. However, with a 5-3 or 6-2 fit, only a ruff with the short trumps will produce an extra trick, as a ruff with the long trumps is almost always ruffing with a natural trump trick. Mathematically speaking, it is less likely to have a side shortness in the hand with the short trumps. That means you are also less likely to be able to produce extra tricks by ruffing losers when you have a 5-3 fit, even more so with a 6-2 fit. So, when having a 5-3 or 6-2 fit, if the hand with the short trumps doesn't contain a ruffing value, you should seriously consider notrump.

♦ **Danger of a defensive ruff:** Another thing to consider is the distribution in your opponents' hands. Sometimes the bidding will tell you that one opponent is short in a suit, often because that opponent didn't raise his partner's suit when he had a chance to do so at a low level. If you are fearful of a defensive ruff and have solid stoppers in that suit, you want to offer a notrump contract.

Those are the main elements any strategic bridge player should consider during the bidding. As a player gains experience, he will be able to feel more easily which hands are notrumpy and which are not. And as always, the beauty of this game is its partnership aspect, so both players have to use bidding judgment if they want to consistently reach the optimal contract. A player can't win alone!

Louis Beauchet, 18, is a Ruby Life Master.



Louis Beauchet  
Trumpet Contributor

# Laws of the Game Hesitations

"He who hesitates is lost" refers to an opportunity lost by delay. Hesitating when it's your turn to bid can also create problems at the bridge table. Why? Because hesitation can give unauthorized information (UI) to your partner, exposing your side to penalties if partner acts on that information.

Let's look at an example. You're the dealer. With a diamond suit but only 9 HCP, you pass. So does LHO. Partner now opens 2♠, a garden-variety weak-two bid. RHO doubles. Still only 9 HCP and only two spades, but you're not vulnerable so you bid 3♠, hoping to keep opponents out of a game.

But LHO promptly jumps to 4♥. Oops, there goes that plan. But now, instead of a prompt pass, partner goes into 45-60 second huddle, studying his hand. Finally, he passes. RHO passes and it's up to you. What should you do?

"Law 73A.2: Communication, Tempo and Deception," admonishes that "calls and plays should be made without undue emphasis, mannerism or inflection, and

without undue hesitation or haste." Partner's hesitation has triggered this clause.

Your responsibility is set forth in 73C.1:

"When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, such as from ... *haste or hesitation* ... he must

carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information."

So, the short answer is that you should NOT take into account the fact that partner spent a longer than normal amount of time before passing. Thus, if you bid 4♠, for example, after partner's hesitation, opponents are likely to call the director and ask for protection from a possible misuse of UI.

You may say, "Director, look at my hand. Although too weak to open in the first place, once opponents went to game in hearts, I reevaluated my holding and bidding 4♠ seemed totally appropriate." Ah, perhaps sometimes true, **but that is not the test**. Once partner has hesitated, and the issue of UI is on the table, you must now demonstrate that there was "no logical alternative" to your 4♠ bid.

Law 16 (Extraneous Information from Partner) provides: "1. Any extraneous information from partner that might suggest a call or play is unauthorized." This includes unmistakable hesitation.

And then?  
"(a) A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorized information if the other call or play is a logical alternative."

That awkwardly stated phrase means that when your partner has given you UI, you may not choose a call that is suggested by the UI if there is a "logical alternative" to doing so. Here, although bidding on was surely reasonable, you clearly had a logical alternative; i.e., *passing*. Thus, you may not bid on.

What if you do bid 4♠ are doubled, and go down one, giving opponents a score of 100? If the pairs who were allowed to play 4♥ all made five, the director will adjust the score and award your opponents 450.

Lessons: If you break tempo, you risk barring your partner from bidding again. And if you receive UI, you'd better have no logical alternative to bidding further or your intended sacrifice will be for naught.

Dennis Kendig is a player, director and retired attorney living in Ashland.



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# Is play in our online finals too slow?

By Hal Montgomery  
D20 NA Events Coordinator

In D20 we play the finals of our North American events, the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs, online. Is slow play a problem in our online finals?

In the first few years of playing online, there were many problems with our players, our directors, the internet, people's computers and with BBO itself that made the sessions extremely long and unpredictable.

Factually those days are gone. Now we have events that start on time and end on time and on average don't take longer per board than face-to-face bridge. The following statistics are from the round robin portion of the open team finals held on April 20, in which the two most notoriously slow pairs were playing.

GNT segment times

Segment	Start	End	Duration
Rounds 1-2:	11:00	13:05	(~2h 5m)
Rounds 3-4:	~13:10	15:07	(~1h 57m)
Rounds 5-6:	~16:25	18:21	(~1h 56m)
Rounds 7-8:	~18:22	20:16	(~1h 54m)

Keep in mind we were playing 16-board segments - 32 boards per session - and that the end times are for the slowest team to finish. 478 minutes of play for 64 boards gives an average of 7.5 minutes a board. This is right on par with the time for play at a club or tournament game. Remember this includes the slowest pairs in our district. By the way, according to the DIC, the two slowest pairs took 7:07 and 7:03 per board.

However, is 7.5 minutes the right length of time for online play in the finals of our national events? Most of the time online play is faster than face-to-face play. You don't have to sort your hands, and you don't have to put your cards away. Cards are displayed quickly.

Many players who play online get used to online speedball tournaments where you play 12 boards in 60 minutes. The TD pushes you along so you never take longer than 5 minutes a hand. You don't get to average out fast and slow hands.

Tournament play is not the same as speedball. In tournament play you use the chat bar to ask questions about your opponent's bids and carding. Chatting is a much slower process than just asking verbally.

Often players don't see the chat messages right away and then have to type out their answers. Additionally, BBO has a problem with getting convention cards to load properly, and you often have to ask pairs to reload their convention card. BBO also had some trouble with the claim function.

All things considered, I think online tournament play should require less time for the same number of boards. I will be pushing to speed up play so sessions take less time. Our DIC has been helping us speed up pairs when they fall behind by claiming and moving play to the next board.

But I don't think average length of time per board is what people mean when they complain about slow play. It feels as if some players just take forever on some boards. I think it is the long pauses in play that are the most frustrating.

At the Seaside Regional I played against a local player who has been the slowest player anybody has ever known for 40 years. I felt like screaming. I should have called the director. In the first segment of

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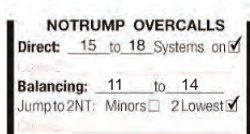
# Margi: What various actions mean in the balancing seat

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Here are the hands:

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

Here is what that part of my card looks like. Do discuss this with your partner.



Wise Owl thoughts

♦ When one balances after an opening bid has been passed, one assumes partner has 10 HCP more or less. If partner has more than 10, he should support partner or cuebid, if interested in game. Remember where the opening points are.

♦ If you make a takeout double in the balancing seat, you should have 4-4 in the majors and shortness in the minor bid.

♦ If you bid a major with 9 HCP, you are counting on your partner having about 10 HCP. Partner should not get excited with 10 and a fit.

♦ In the balancing seat, if you have a balanced hand with 11-14 HCP and a stopper in opener's suit, your bid is 1NT.

♦ All systems over notrump are on; discuss this with your partner.

♦ In the balancing seat, if you have more than 14 HCP and a balanced hand, you double and bid notrump. Partner knows your shape and HCP. Sometimes in order to show a hand it takes two rounds of bidding.

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# AROUND THE UNITS



## Boise



By Nancy Feldman

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## About John Cissel

Last fall **John Cissel** became Boise's newest director. Since then he has been directing two to three times per month at the Bridge Cooperative of Boise. His combined love of the game and former career set him on a natural path to become a director.

Two years ago, John retired from the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise where he was the director for the Joint Fire Science Program. He worked with universities and other government agencies nationwide to assemble data and fund proposals for wildfire research and best fire practices. He helped marry science and management. In a nutshell, John's work focused on partnerships and communication — just like bridge does.



John Cissel

John played bridge with his parents when he was young, but he took up the game in earnest when living in Eugene in 2003. He studied the game and connected with the local club. Shortly thereafter a tournament was held in Eugene. For a week he showed up daily, finding partners at the partnership desk. He was hooked.

While living in Oregon, he and his wife Diane self-published a set of maps with hiking trails through old-growth forests. They also wrote the book, "Best Old-Growth Forest Hikes Washington & Oregon Cascades." John and Diane continue to spend much of their time hiking, camping and backpacking.

John's favorite aspect of bridge is when the communication with his partner is in sync. That's when you play your best game, he believes.



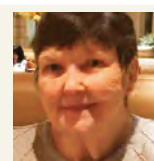
Four Rivers Cultural Center is a hit as Ontario's sectional site.

## Bidding boxes: Not so useful in construction

Our sectional has been played and was a resounding success. We had great participation from the surrounding area.

Our rainy choice for the giveaway appliqué stickers was very appropriate as it rained on and off all three days of the tournament. The venue (Four Rivers Cultural Center) has been booked for next year's sectional which will be the first weekend of April.

One moment of hilarity occurred on the morning of the first day of the tournament. Our vice president had most of the bidding boxes in the back of her SUV to take to the tournament to get everything set



## Ontario



By Billie Willis

up, and much to her dismay discovered that her garage door would not open. Her son, who is a contractor, came immediately with one of his hired men to help her out of the garage. The young hired man asked what was in the back of her car and was told that it was bridge boxes and she was on her way to deliver them. He turned to her son and said, "What kind of bridge will anyone build out of those?"

Welcome home to our snowbirds. We are once again at full strength and enjoying better attendance.



## Nampa/ Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

## Caldwell enjoys Ontario sectional

Director Duane Christensen recently posted some good news about players. He reported that there were two big games at recent events. **Bill and Jill Wood** placed third in District 20 in the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs on March 11. **Bob and Sue Ritter** placed 15th in the Common Game out of 2,212 North/South pairs on April 1. Both scores were in the 60s.

Congratulations to the Ontario, Ore., club for its well-attended sectional in April at the Four Rivers Cultural Center.

In the afternoon open pairs on Friday,

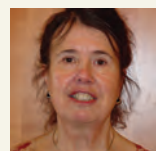
**Lorinda Pearson** and **Dolores Echanis** won, while **Winnie Henggeler** and **Glenora Wright** won Saturday afternoon. In the Friday and Saturday 299er pairs games, winners were **Jana Schaffeld**, **Sharon Wada**, and **Doris and Hugh Homan**. The big winners in the Sunday Swiss teams were **Duane and Carol Christensen**, with their teammates, **Suzanne St. Thomas** and **Kathy Downen** of Boise.

We enjoyed a comparatively mild winter in Idaho's Magic Valley, resulting in good attendance with 11-14 tables regularly. Scoring some fine games during the period were Dan Johnson - Phil Fast, Daryl Sallaz - Kathy Downen, Roy Youngblood - Elazar Friedman, and Marilyn Tripple - Gene Gerard.



Bill and Jill Wood, top and right with Marilyn Tripple and Sonya Shue

## Eureka reinvents its sectional: new location, new hospitality



## Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

[www.acbldd20.org/unit458](http://www.acbldd20.org/unit458)

After several less-than-perfect sectionals, the Sequoia Bridge Club in Eureka decided to redesign its fall tournament, Sept. 6-8, from the bottom up.

Players will find the new playing space an attractive venue, the Humboldt Area Foundation, just off 101 between Arcata and Eureka. It's modern and spacious, with ample parking and handicapped access.

The usual motels are available, but several club members are offering free B&B-style lodging at their seaside homes. One club member will offer free rental units.

In addition to the fully sanctioned games, we're offering complete meals, including hot entrées. Add Eureka's temperate climate and sea breezes, and you have a recipe for the perfect bridge vacation.

Don't miss the grand finale — a catered party Sunday at an oceanfront home. Sipping wine on a balcony overlooking the sea is the perfect way to cap off the sectional.

Some of our club members have traveled and done well at competitions recently. **Phil Frankel** and **Leslie Reynolds** were the highest scorers at the Redding Sectional, making us proud. Reynolds scored a 70% with **Alden Sprowles** at a recent club game, so she is doing well at home and away.



The new venue for the Eureka sectional.

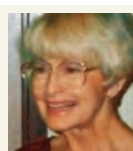
At that same sectional, Sprowles played with a long-time partner, only to find out that he passed away shortly afterward.

**Lynn Jackson** broke his collarbone in an automobile accident in April. He recuperation is going well.

**Suzanne Cook** had a spectacular one-month vacation that included bridge at the Memphis NABC, followed by a cruise from Miami to Barcelona. At the nationals, she and partner Theo Lichtenstein (from Tallahassee) earned 20 masterpoints.

I wasn't able to play as much bridge last quarter because of a three-week trip to Ecuador with a family group. My son Rolf, a geomorphologist, does research on the Amazon and is familiar with the Andean countries. We divided our time between Quito, the capital, the higher Andes and the Napo River, a tributary of the Amazon. We had enough time to get a real feel for the country and polish our Spanish. Now it is my bridge which needs polishing.

## Business manager departs Redding



## Redding



By Joan Sullens

[www.bridgescore.com/redding](http://www.bridgescore.com/redding)

**Bob Wierman** and **Jerry Clark** had a big game this quarter, scoring 74%. Well done. Congratulations to **Gail Lonnerberg** who became a Gold Life Master. She joins an ever increasing circle of Gold Life Masters in the Redding club.

We will be losing **Wilhelmina White** as business manager for the Redding Club in that she's moving to Sacramento. Their gain, our loss. **Jeff Speer** has agreed to be our new manager.

We lost a great friend and fellow bridge player this quarter. **Terry Dell** died suddenly. She was a lovely lady and a very good bridge player. **Jerry Drennan** also passed away. He was a Gold Life Master and former director for Redding.

Our spring sectional has come and gone. It had a good turnout with many players from out of town plus many from our restricted game. I suspect the reason our sectionals are so popular is the food. Nice to see **George Clarke** again. He was one of the victims of the Carr fire. He left town to reside in Reno.

Regarding the Carr fire victims, **Jim and Faye Hickenbottom** expect to be in their new home by July. It's being built on the site of their burned out former home. Living in a small RV while it's being rebuilt has been challenging. They play regularly



The Redding sectional

at the Redding clubs, as do **Sue McKown** and **Fran Wilson**, also fire victims, who now have new homes.

## Klamath Falls

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Eugene Regional will be upcoming. Have fun and enjoy the competition. It will be like March Madness, and that is the best!

### Results

**Unit Game**, Feb. 10 — 1A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 2A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson; 1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp.  
**Club Championship**, March 5 — 1A/1B: Duane Weiss — Gail Pfrimmer; 2A/B: Reid Sherwin — Patti Collom.  
**Unit Game**, March 10 — 1A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 1B: Duane Weiss — Gail Pfrimmer.

# AROUND THE UNITS

## Beginner lessons help grow clubs in Unit 484



**Jackson County**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Jim Flint

www.unit484.org

Bridge lessons for beginners and intermediates are improving table counts for bridge games in Southern Oregon. They also are laying the foundation for replenishing what had been a dwindling field of players because of attrition due to aging, death, and members moving away.

Soon after the first of the year, two 10-week beginners' bridge classes were started — one on Saturday mornings taught alternately by **Dennis Kendig** and **Mike Pavlik**, and another on Wednesday evenings taught by **Mark McKechnie**.

These classes had been preceded months before by several sessions taught by **Gee Gee Walker**, who is credited with helping get the ball rolling in a major way.

More than 20 signed up for the Saturday classes, and nearly 10 for the Wednesday series. The three men started another series of Saturday and Wednesday classes this spring.

"We averaged 21 students for our first class, and we had 21 at our first class in the second series," said Kendig. "They are not the same 21. Five from the first class dropped out, but we have five new people taking their places."

McKechnie said he didn't have as many people in his class because of the evening hour. "I had six who stuck it out to the end in my first class and for the new series I have seven, three of whom are brand new," McKechnie said.

The teachers said the main reason people signed up for the lessons was to learn bridge or improve their game, and most indicated they were not interested in playing duplicate.



Jim Flint/The Trumpet

Leah McKechnie, center, helps newcomers with a hand during supervised play, a weekly session held on Wednesdays at the Phoenix Bridge Center.

"We rarely say anything about duplicate," Kendig said. "On the other hand, we have encouraged them to start filling out convention cards, we teach only duplicate-based scoring, and we have introduced them to using bidding boxes and duplicate bridge scorecards."

**Leah McKechnie**, operator of the Phoenix bridge center along with her husband, Mark, began offering supervised play for the beginners on Wednesdays, concurrently with but separate from the open duplicate game. She supervises the informal sessions, advising on play and defense, and answers questions. A dozen or more players have participated in the weekly sessions.

**Bob Fox**, who runs an open and 99er game on Mondays at the club and a 299er game on Thursdays, reports that eight to 10 of his 99er group regulars are graduates of Walker's classes. Kendig predicts that about the same number of their beginners' classes will wind up trying out the 99er game.

Most of the newbies had experienced some exposure to bridge.

"The most common experience re-

ported was that their parents played or that they themselves played in college," Mark McKechnie said.

Students are encouraged to sign up for ACBL membership. "I believe that many will go on to play in the supervised game and then on to regular club games," he said.

Kendig agrees. "I'll be pleased if, in the long run, we add two or more tables to our games," he said. "I foresee the possibility of

adding a 0-20 masterpoints game to the schedule."

### Special unit game July 27

Players from nearby clubs are invited to take a summer drive to the Rogue Valley for a special unit game at the Phoenix Bridge Center on Saturday, July 27.

Offering extra points, the one-session stratified pairs open game will start at noon, with a complimentary lunch served at 11:30.

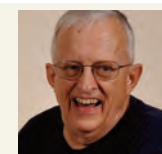
The center is located at 4149 S. Pacific Highway, just south of Medford. From I-5, take exit 24, go west on Fern Valley Road, and turn right at South Pacific Highway. Go one block to the bridge center on the right.

### Fall sectional set Sept. 13-15

With McKenzie Myers at the helm as tournament director, the Southern Oregon Fall Sectional will get under way Sept. 13 for three days of silver-studded bridge.

It will be held at the Phoenix Bridge Center at 4149 S. Pacific Highway, just south of Medford.

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**Klamath Falls**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Bobby Thompson

www.unit482.com

## Trip to S. Dakota

I was gone from the duplicate bridge world for 12 days to broadcast the Oregon Tech men's and women's NAA National Basketball Tournaments. The women were in Sioux City, Iowa, and the men 92 miles to the north in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

My broadcast partner and I were able to do both games the first day up and back on Interstate 29; however, after both teams won opening round games, they played at the same time in round two, so he did the women's game and I broadcast the men's game. The women lost and the men won and played five times, losing in the championship game.

Because of the weather it took two extra days to get out of South Dakota. I arrived home in time to join seven other Klamath players to attend the sectional tournament in Phoenix, Ore., where we had a nice time and, like the basketball teams, won lots of points.

Playing like the hoops teams, **Ed McClure** and **Doug Higgs** have dominated bridge play in the Basin. They have won all four unit games since the first of the year. Along with **Laila Griffith**, the guys led the point parade for the first quarter of 2019. NLM leaders were **Dale Taylor**, **Patti Collom** and **Reid Sherwin**.

There were only two big games: McClure with **Bobby Thompson** and **Carol McClure** with Griffith. Both were 70.8%.

When you receive the Summer District 20 Trumpet, the Rogue Valley Regional will be history, and the Emerald Empire

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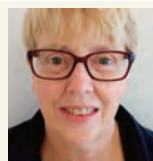
Another set of beginning bridge lessons began in Brookings in April.

## Club expands to new location

Tri-City Bridge Club is delighted to announce that we have moved to the Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane in Brookings. We now play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and have two beginners' games on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Our new location is easily accessible with lots of parking available. We began our fifth set of free bridge lessons in April. The lessons last four weeks and we supply all needed materials and snacks.

The community's response to our lessons has been exciting, and we have increased our monthly table count by over 35 percent since we started the program. In addition to the beginner lessons,



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

we also have an advanced class for those who previously took our beginner sessions.

As a result of our growth, we have added a Bridgemate scoring system, and no longer use paper travelers. We also have hand records for all our games online.

We held a charity game in December and our club made a donation of over \$350 to the victims of the Carr fire.

**Big game:** **Claudia Kemper** and **Steve Carter** scored 73% at a February game.

## Come to Bend, win a basket



**Bend/Redmond**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Susan Hoffinger

www.bendbridge.org

The unit board is gearing up for our sectional that will be held Aug. 23-25 in Bend. We are excited to be hosting the tournament in a brand-new facility, Kenwood School at 701 N.W. Newport Ave. Please check the flyer at acbl.org for details or see page 5.

Our very active member **Dianne Maffia**, aka The Basket Lady, will again offer a wide array of various themed baskets. Although she is a Pacific Northwest native, she moved many times because of her father's work. She has lived in Honduras, Germany, Georgia and Hawaii before settling in Las Vegas where she started playing duplicate bridge in 2008. Dianne visited her daughter in Bend in 2009, and in 2010 she moved here. By 2014, Dianne earned her Life Master rank.

Since becoming a member of the Cascade Bridge Club, Dianne has been an active participant and volunteer. She's served in various board positions and is always willing to lend a hand.

Dianne's passion is her baskets. She started at the sectional in 2013, and this will be her fourth time providing them. She begins about six months ahead of the tournament, procuring items and baskets. Each basket has a theme, and some that have been done in the past include: wine, beer, beauty products, coffee, tea, spices, oils and vinegars. They are luxurious baskets, similar to those offered by high end hotels.



Dianne Maffia displays her baskets, prizes for the Bend sectional.

Dianne is quick to acknowledge that this would not be possible without the support and monetary contributions from club members. She also has a list of vendors who provide items on a two-for-one basis. She displays a list of the donors at the sectional. At the conclusion she will include a picture of each basket and send it along with a thank you note to the vendor.

How can you win a basket? Just come to the sectional. It's that easy. Dianne will display about five baskets at the start of each session. One of the volunteers will put four tickets at each table, and there will be a drawing for each basket.

When you see her at the tournament, stop and say hello and tell her how much you appreciate her efforts.

More bridge news. The board of the Cascade Bridge Club has formed an ad hoc committee chaired by **Judy Rosen**. All the bridge venues in Bend are represented. The main purpose of the committee is to grow bridge play.

**Big game:** On Feb. 6, **Patty Massler** and **Don Crozier** scored 70% at the Cascade Bridge Club.

# AROUND THE UNITS

## Jackson County

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Designed to allow players to get a head start on exploring local amenities in the evenings, all sessions will start at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. And with lunch available at the Sunday Swiss Teams, a possibly even earlier second session start time will help players get an early start home at tourney's end.

There will be 299er and open games on Friday, all single sessions. The Saturday stratified open pairs will be play-through sessions, although single session players are welcome. Another 299er game also will be played, subject to player availability.

A special 99er game will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Chair is **Joanne Flammang** and partnerships will be handled by **Gee Gee Walker**. Contact her at 541-292-3474 or at [ggwalker@gmail.com](mailto:ggwalker@gmail.com).

For details, see the flyer on page 7 or on the D20 website.

### Unit members fare well in spring tourney

Members of Unit 484 fared well in their own sectional held in March, which showed a healthy table increase over the previous year.

Placing high on the list of masterpoint list behind the overall winners (interlopers!) from Klamath Falls (**Bobby Thompson** and **Randall Paul**) were **Bob Scott**, 19.52; **Molly Tinsley**, 18.38; **Kemble Yates**, 15.37; **Gee Gee Walker**, 15.32; and **Jim Flint**, 14.97.

Noted performances were posted by the locals. See results below.

### 99ers tourney set for Nov. 9

Building on last year's debut 99ers Future Stars Sectional, the 2019 edition will be held at the Phoenix Bridge Center on Saturday, Nov. 9.

"It's limited to players with 99 masterpoints or less," said Unit 484 Secretary John Cowles. "It's a great opportunity for new players to get tournament experience and earn some silver points."

The one-day, one-session pairs event will start at 10 a.m. with a lunch break mid-session, compliments of the unit.

For information or to get a partner, call tourney chair Gee Gee Walker at 541-292-3474 or email her at [ggwalker@gmail.com](mailto:ggwalker@gmail.com).

### Unit announces 2020 calendar

For those of you who mark their bridge calendar dates before they schedule minor events like birthdays or trips to Paris, here is a list of special games and tourneys for 2020 at Unit 484 in Southern Oregon.

- ♦ Spring's-a-Poppin' Sectional, March 27-29.
- ♦ Southern Oregon Fall Sectional, Sept. 11-13.
- ♦ Stratified Pairs Unit Championships, Feb. 15 and May 2.
- ♦ Stratified Pro-Am Team Game, Aug. 1.
- ♦ Christmas Party and Unit Championship Stratified Pairs, Dec. 5.

### Sectional results

**Friday morning open pairs** — 1B: Mark McKechnie – Dennis Kendig; 1C: Leah McKechnie – Marsha Larson; **299ers** — 1D: Lawrence Diamant – Ken Korth; 1E: Dennis Powers – Everett Anderson.

**Friday afternoon open pairs** — 1A: Edwin Miller – Molly Tinsley; 1B: Mark McKechnie – Dennis Kendig; 1C: Alexander Davie – Donna Rund; **299ers** — 1D: Susan Koenig – Pat Werlich.

**Saturday morning 99ers** — 1D/E/F: Karen Blake – Susan Alston.

**Saturday open pairs** — 1B: David Bryant – Ed Miller; 1C: Lawrence Diamant – Ken Korth.

**Sunday Swiss teams** — 1A: Robert Scott – Jim Flint – Molly Tinsley – Kemble Yates; 1B/C: Jerry Kenefick – Robert Horton – David Runkel – Toshiko Challinor.

## Several Seaside players take trip to Cuba



Greetings from Unit 491. I hope that you have fond memories of our unit sectional held in Seaside in April. The Seaside regional is only four months away, Sept. 30-Oct. 6.

**Jon Gustafson** is a somewhat new member, having lived full time in our area for only three years. He has played bridge since 1974. In Colorado and California he played duplicate and filled roles such as unit president and district board member.

In our unit, he has taken on a couple of important responsibilities. He is our unit website guru, which he totally rebuilt, using a bridge-friendly website service.

Also, Jon graciously agreed to run for Area 6 representative on the District 20 board. He recently began his three-year term.

**John Curtis** and **Allyn Washington** had an 80% game March 16. Allyn has the in-



Ten Seaside area players took a trip to Cuba organized by Manny Suarez, back center.

teresting background of being a writer of mathematics textbooks. John is one of our unusual players — that is, young and still employed full time! He works with disadvantaged students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria.

The games in Unit 491 are not only competitions, but also a time for social camaraderie. Many of our players met at games and became friends. Some travel as much as 50 miles to a unit game. Not



Manny Suarez gives a bridge lesson to young relatives during a trip to Cuba.

only do they travel far to be with each other, but they also travel far with each other.

A case in point is the recent trip by 10 players to Cuba. The trip was organized and led by **Manny Suarez**. Manny's family of 16 fled Cuba shortly after the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. Manny was able to show our players his family home as well as the sites of Havana.

During the trip Manny introduced the finer points of bridge to his two grand-nephews and his two grandsons. It is never too early.

## Three new faces join Portland unit board

**Jon Gassaway**, **Dee Poujade** and **Paul Walker** were named new board members for the Portland unit at the March 10 election party at the Ace of Clubs. Masterpoint awards and certificates for 2018 were distributed, and the annual tradition of playing with someone you've never played with before was continued.

The new board members join **Kristen Steinmetz**, **Monte Garrett**, **Nely Johnson**, and **George O'Leary**.

### Jon Gassaway

Gassaway first played bridge (Goren) in high school, took a break for a focus on career and family, and after 20 years, with a more flexible work situation, returned to the game in the form of duplicate with a welcome by **Dick Braniff** at the Elks



Jon Gassaway



Club. Jon's goals as a board member are to provide a safe environment for newer players, equally welcoming to the one he experienced.

### Dee Poujade

Also a Goren player in high school, and college, Poujade returned to the game after she retired from a family-law practice as a paralegal. With partner **Linda Marshall**, she took lessons from **Marcia Heitkemper** and began regular play at the Mult-



Dee Poujade

nomah Athletic Club. In 2010 Dee joined ACBL and now plays in a number of club games and tournaments. A dedicated traveler, Dee has also played bridge in the U.K.

### Paul Walker

Walker has played duplicate in Portland since his 2016 retirement from a career that included stints in R&D, chemistry, sales, marketing, IT, licensing and acquisition, and management at the Clorox Company and other large corporations. Having lived in more than a half-dozen U.S. states before his family's 2015 move to Oregon, Paul brings prior board experience to the position. He served as treasurer and later chair of the Lutheran Social Services of Northern California.



Paul Walker

## Elliott: An uncanny knack for leading opponents to go wrong

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John Lusky and his wife visited Jim several times in Berlin, often in conjunction with a bridge tournament. He recounts a hand he and Jim played against some Germans who weren't used to Jim's free-wheeling style.

Here is the deal (spots approximate).

Dir: South	♠K Q 8 7 5 3		
Vul: Both	♥4		
	♦5 2		
	♣A 8 5 4		
	♠10 4	♠J 6 2	
	♥9 3 2	♥K Q 8 7 6 5	
	♦A 9 7 3	♦10 6	
	♣K 9 7 2	♣10 6	
	♠A 9		
	♥A J 10		
	♦K Q J 8 4		
	♣Q J 3		

Lusky	North	Elliott	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	3NT
All Pass			

Here's Lusky's recap:  
"Jim was not one to stay silent when he had a strong opinion about which suit he wanted partner to lead. Presumably at

most other tables, the auction was 1♦-1♠; 2NT-4♠, and North routinely took 11 tricks on the lead of the ♥K. Thus, much would depend on whether declarer in 3NT took 10 or 11 tricks.

"Guided by Jim's overcall, I led the ♥2, and declarer won Jim's queen with the ace. Declarer played the ♠A and ♠K to verify the suit was running. He did not want to play diamonds out of his hand when Jim might have the ace in a short holding.

"He then turned his attention to diamonds. However, he made a subtle error by failing to cash the third top spade before playing diamonds. I allowed the ♦K to win smoothly, and declarer continued with the ♦Q, which I won. Now I led the ♥9 and Jim won his king.

"Declarer had been anticipating that Jim would hold the ♣K and drive out the other heart stopper to set up his suit, giving declarer 11 tricks without the club finesse. However, Jim crossed him up by exiting with his third spade.

"Declarer should have cashed the third high spade to take away Jim's exit card. Now declarer was stuck in dummy and had to give me a club trick for the third defensive trick. When I turned up with the ♣K as well as the ♦A — practically incon-

ceivable to most Berlin players given Jim's overcall — declarer turned pale and said, "Ah, you have that one too."

"Minus 630 was a great matchpoint score for us, while minus 660 would have been a near bottom. This hand won the event for us. A routine minus 650 would not have.

"I miss Jim a lot," Lusky said, "and will continue to as long as I play bridge."



John Lusky

## Slow play

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the open finals I played against one of the notoriously slow pairs. We finished our third board at the 30-minute mark.

I agree with Don Lowry, whose letter is published in this issue, that slow play is a problem. I don't agree that this is a tactic to gain an unfair advantage. I have never believed in the Sominex coup. I would call on our slowest players to be cognizant of their pace. It will make the game more fun for all.



# AROUND THE UNITS

## Good weather, new location boost sectional

Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? Tournament chair **Janie Peery** proved that old adage wrong as she engineered three days of free lunches for all the players at this year's Heart of the Valley Tournament.

Friday lunch consisted of fresh salad and pizza; Saturday's lunch was a potato bar; on Sunday, players selected their favorite ingredients to build their own sandwiches.

Leftover lunches were donated to the youth shelter.

The idea of providing lunch for the crowd came from last year's very late start at Friday morning's game. In order to allow attendees to leave before dark following the afternoon game, Janie decided to order out for lunches (gratis) and keep the earlier start time that afternoon. Not only was it a good idea, but the players loved being able to stay on the premises and not waste time finding a restaurant. Besides, it was cheaper.

On top of the very satisfying lunches this year, unit volunteers provided beverages and an array of morning and afternoon snacks. A new and very successful innovation was the Adopt-a-Cup program which paired players with a ceramic mug for the duration, thus eliminating a good deal of disposable cup garbage.

Also new in 2019 was the location of this annual sectional tournament. In the



**Albany/  
Corvallis**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Kathi Downing  
www.acbridge.org

past, the Linn County Fairgrounds has provided space, but due to booking conflicts, the venue was switched to the Benton County Fairgrounds auditorium.

This turned out to be fortuitous. Not only was the building spacious, comfortable and airy, but there was a bar area for beverages and a separate area for serving and prepping food. Proximity of parking was an added bonus, as was the availability of picnic tables for dining alfresco on that unusually sunny and pleasant weekend in mid-March.

It was a perfect confluence of circumstances, because this year's tournament had a huge turnout — up 23%. Even with lunch provided, the tournament ended up in the black.

Last year, Saint Janie swore that she wouldn't organize this event again. Never say never! We are so grateful for her incredible organizing abilities, because things seemed to run seamlessly. She has the remarkable ability to get everyone involved. "It takes a village" became her mantra, although after it was over, she re-




Gail Schriener, tournament chair Janie Peery and Cherie Gavin staff the bar area at the new venue for the Corvallis sectional, Benton County Fairgrounds.

marked that "It takes an entire bridge club or two" might be more appropriate.

So many club members from both Albany and Corvallis pitched in to help that it is difficult to acknowledge each individually. However, Janie felt that special shoutouts should go to the members who headed up the lunch details. Friday's lunch ladies were **Jane Lackey** and **Sandy Syrett**; Saturday's were **Toni Donelson** and **Cherie Gavin**; Sunday's were **Catherine Van Fleet** and **Jackie Grattan**.

Thanks for the efforts of Janie, the unit board members and the generous spirit of volunteerism in Unit 477, everyone (even those who scored no masterpoints) went away happy and well fed.



**Eugene/  
Springfield**  
♣♦♥♠  
By John Lean  
www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

## New game on Friday morning

Emerald Bridge Club has added a Friday morning open game and is looking at doing the same on Wednesday to go along with the 299er game that is currently held on Wednesday. This would give a nice rhythm to the club with Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday having 12:30 games and Monday, Wednesday and Friday being the 9:30 games. There is still some effort to keep the Wednesday evening game going and we will keep you posted.

The 299er sectional was held at EBC in April. **Judy Nevell** and **Ellen McCumsey** coordinated and **Kim Larson** directed.

We all know that we have a great community at EBC. It never hurts to pass along a gentle reminder or two about things to remember toward maintaining that feeling of community. Always remember that your good board is someone's bad board. A casual comment at the end of a hand can often times be misinterpreted and misunderstood. The solution here is simple. When the hand is over, the hand is over. No discussion.

EBC will be running an Eight is Enough Swiss team on the last Tuesday of April. Just a reminder that the club runs a Swiss team any time there is a fifth Tuesday or fifth Thursday. This is a break in tempo from the matchpoint games which are the staple fare of EBC, and the play requires different strategies.

### Marylou Bert leaves area

**Marylou Bert**, a pillar of the local bridge community for many years, has decided to move to Washington to be closer to her family. A formidable player and revered teacher, her generous help to all who sought it has helped many aspiring players succeed. We wish her well.



Marylou Bert

We had another Real Time Bridge event held at EBC on April 5. **McKenzie Myers** and **Jeff Taylor** once again hit it out of the park. Thirty-two players had an opportunity to bid and play hands that Mac had selected and then had the pleasure of listening to Mac and Jeff debrief, analyze and wax eloquently about the boards played. **Ellen McCumsey**, **Carole Schmitz** and especially **Sherri Morgan** deserve our thanks for the efforts they all put into the lunch venue.

Last, but most certainly not least, we all extend our sincerest and most heartfelt congratulations to Mac and Caitlin on their upcoming wedding. We are so fortunate that they have chosen to take up residence here in Eugene.

**Central Oregon Coast**  
♣♦♥♠  
www.unit572.org

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

Several of its inhabitants are known to turn up at the Eugene Regional in August, where further confirmation of the area's continued existence can be obtained. Also, the Newport Sectional is coming up Oct. 24-27.



**Vancouver/  
Longview**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Ginny Griffiths  
www.acbld20.org/vbc

## Gary Bowers draws cartoons

We have a player at our club who has made several cartoon pictures of our players. We'd like to share a little of his interesting story.

His name is **Gary Bowers** and his father went to school with John Wayne. His grandfather met early film actor Tom Mix and his grandmother was a descendant of the Harrison presidents.

Gary served in the Korean War as a radar tech in an anti-submarine bomber. He was given the address of a woman by a friend in the navy and they corresponded for two years before they met in Redondo Beach in 1955 — and they are still married.



Gary Bowers

Gary's work history was working for Metropolitan Transit Authority where he became a regional manager and ended up as a co-owner of a Greyhound bus depot.

He then switched occupations, making designs for an automotive detail shop. He later worked for Hanna for 20 years.

After retiring to Oregon he continued his work with the Shriners, joining the Cader Clowns and drawing clown likenesses. He now has five books of clowns.

**Grants Pass**  
♣♦♥♠

The Grants Pass unit still has not been swallowed by the surrounding mountains, as far as we know.

## Salem wins inter-unit game

Salem Bridge Club hosted the annual Unit 477 vs. Unit 490 challenge this year on April. With eight tables from Albany and Corvallis, there was a 15.5-table open game and a six-table NLM game. The hosting unit generally has a huge advantage in numbers, making it difficult for the visiting unit to come out on top. That storyline held true this year as Unit 490's B, C and NLM players generated a healthy margin of victory after the Strat A players in each unit battled to a near draw. Next year's event will be hosted by Unit 477.

### Comings and goings

Word reached us that **Fran Friesen** passed away in March. Fran was a former Unit 490 member who moved to California some years back. We also say a short-distance goodbye to **Marie Navarra** who transferred north to the Portland unit.

On a more upbeat note, the unit is happy to welcome several **new members** to its ranks. Warmest welcomes go out to **Lynne Hardin**, **Michael Keeney**, **Gary Mahe**, **John Bailey**, **Hank Werner** and **Bob Hamre**. It's great to have you here!

### Tournament tales

It was a quiet quarter for tournament wins in Unit 490. **Randy Naef** (McMinnville) and **Mike Green** (Newberg) rekindled their team successes with **James Weider** of Portland and **Neil Swanson** from Washington to claim top honors in bracket 2 of the Tuesday Swiss Teams as well bracket 3 of the Wed/Thurs KOs at the Oregon Trail Regional in February. Our other unit win at the regional went to **Barbara Nelson** (McMinnville) and **Ben Mitchell** (Newberg) who soared to victory in the Thursday Gold Rush Pairs. We also had a couple of strat B and C wins in side games, compliments of **Jan Petroski** and **Jack** and **Nancy Wetherson**.

On the sectional scene, the Wethersons provided the unit's only overall event pairs win with a first place showing in the Saturday morning BCD game at Vancouver in mid-April. **Doug Reed** and **Karen Crooch** made sure we didn't go empty-handed in Swiss Teams events by teaming with **Clifford** and **Susan Fairchild** of Corvallis to take top honors in the Eugene/Spring-



**Salem**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Kevin Kacmarynski  
www.salembridgeclub.org

field 299er Swiss Teams.

### Salem sectional

Come on down to Keizer for the Salem Sectional June 28-30. We'll have our usual array of open and NLM pairs games on Friday and Saturday as well as AX and BCD Swiss teams on Sunday.

Our fourth annual non-Life Master reception will be hosted between sessions of the Saturday game. Stay for sandwiches and ice cream, talk about some of the fun hands from the morning session, and meet some of your fellow players in a relaxed social environment.

### Promotions

Congratulations to **Ben Mitchell**, Unit 490's newest Life Master! Other rank changes include: **Michael Keeney**, Junior Master; **Emily Hull**, Club Master; **Beatrice Marohn**, Sectional Master; **Jeanne Hibler**, **Ross Hibler**, **Marion Hull** and **Elisabeth Perchellet**, Regional Masters; **Joan Page** and **Barbara Nelson**, NABC Masters.

### Unit games

**Kevin Kacmarynski** is currently leading the race for the Lewis Award with 11.78 masterpoints won in unit games through April 7. **Jerry Gordon** is in second place, about four points behind.

### Results

**Unit Game**, Feb. 3 — 1A: Shirley Scofield — Jackie Mishler; 2A: Kevin Kacmarynski — Jan Suggs; 3-5A: Gayle & Jim Gross; 3-5A/1-2B: Ellie Hall-Pitzer — Susan Bradford; 3-5A/1-2B: Dennis & Susan Lee.

**Unit Game**, Feb. 20 — 1A/1B: Judy Lathrop — Don Brockhaus; 2A/2B: Susan Bradford — Ellie Hall-Pitzer; 3A: Jerry Gordon — Randy Jordan.

**Unit Game**, March 3 — 1A: Jackie Mishler — Claudine Lake; 2A/1B: Kevin Kacmarynski — Jerry Gordon; 3-4A: Shain Oleson — Jan Suggs; 3-4A/2B: Nancy & Jack Wetherson.

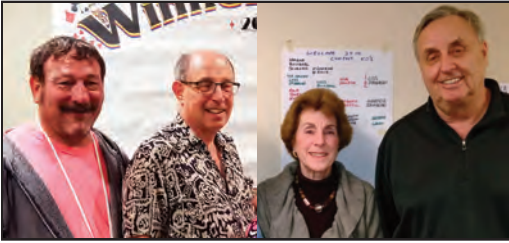
**Unit Game**, March 20 — 1A/1B: Randy Jordan — Tom McGuire; 2A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge.

**Unit Game**, April 7 — 1A/1B: Kevin Kacmarynski — Jerry Gordon; 2A/2B/1C: George Foust — Shirley Layne; 3A: Susan Palmer — Bill Anning.

**Unit Game**, April 17 — 1A: Jeff Wiegell — Brian Breckenridge; 2A/1B: Randy Jordan — Tom McGuire; 3A/2B: Henri Jansen — Kevin Kacmarynski.

# WINNERS AT THE ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL

## Klamath Falls Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout



Bob Bass, Steve Gross, Carole Liss, Bruce Ferguson

## Medford Thursday-Friday Knockout



Robert Thomson, William Harker, Crispin Barrere, Mark Ralph

Bracket 1

Bracket 2



Joan Borberg, Keith Thorp, Jerry Gordon, Alan Bostrom

## Chiloquin Saturday Swiss Teams



Jeff Taylor, Hal Montgomery, Mike Levy, Jean Barry

1A

## Monday, May 13

### Monday Evening Charity Pairs ..... (29 pairs)

- 1A David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
- 2A Sigrid Price, Napa CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA
- 3A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA
- 1B/C Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR
- 2B/C John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA
- 3B Bill McGeary – Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 3C Peter Isard – Margaret Cooke, Washington DC

### Monday Evening Swiss Teams ..... (9 teams)

- 1A Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA
- 2A Linda Friedman – Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA
- 3A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 1-2B/C Robert Cherry – Tay Cherry, Fresno CA; Patricia Robbins – Orrin Robbins, Olympia WA
- 1-2B/C Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Walter Thies, Corvallis OR; Ginny Gainer, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR

## Tuesday, May 14

### Yreka Tuesday Open Pairs ..... (20 pairs)

- 1A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA
- 2A Robert Scott, Ashland OR; Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV
- 3A Joanne Merry – John Jefferson, Davis CA
- 1B Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA; Jerry Gordon, Salem OR
- 2-3B Edward Goldman – Robert Serrett, Ashland OR
- 2-3B Carol Smith – David Cartwright, Oakland CA

### Jacksonville Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs ..... (18 pairs)

- 1C Albert Chu – Ingrid Hsu, Walnut Creek CA
- 2C John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA
- 3C/1D Jeanne Hibler – Ross Hibler, Salem OR
- 2D Lawrence Diamant – Ken Korth, Ashland OR
- 3D/1E Kirk McElney – Larry Miller, Grants Pass OR
- 2E Stephen Walker – Susannah Walker, Alamo CA

### Tuesday Morning Side Pairs ..... (10 pairs)

- 1A Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 2-3A/1-2B David Gent – Jacqueline Parrish, Medford OR
- 2-3A/1-2B/1C Susan Koenig – Pat Werlich, Medford OR
- 3B/2C Cheryl Cullen – Susan Hutton, Ashland OR

### Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs ..... (8 pairs)

- 1-2A/B Terry Ansnes – David McKee, Ashland OR
- 1-2A/B Peter Isard – Margaret Cooke, Washington DC
- 3A Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR

### Ashland Tuesday Aft. Side Swiss Teams .... (7 teams)

- 1A Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA
- 2A Richard Carle, Longview WA; James Flint, Ashland OR; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; David Wilmington, Eureka CA
- 3A/1B James Breeden – Margaret Breeden, Carson City NV; Leona Pchelkin – Nicholas Pchelkin, Minden NV

## Wednesday, May 15

### Klamath Falls Tuesday-Wednesday KO .... (14 teams)

- 1 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 2 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA
- 3-4 Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR; Gerald Clark, Anderson CA; Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR
- 3-4 Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Michael Nairn, Central Point OR; Ginny Gainer, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR

### Lakeview Wednesday Open Pairs ..... (36 pairs)

- 1A Daniel Friedman – Linda Friedman, Orinda CA
- 2A Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 3A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA
- 1B David Cartwright – Carol Smith, Oakland CA
- 2B Michael Pavlik – Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR
- 3B/1C Jerry Gordon, Salem OR; Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA
- 2C Ronald Brady, Onalaska WA; Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA
- 3C James Breeden – Margaret Breeden, Carson City NV

### Central Point Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs .. (26 pairs)

- 1C Albert Chu – Ingrid Hsu, Walnut Creek CA
- 2C/1D/E Jeanne Hibler – Ross Hibler, Salem OR
- 3C/2D Karla Stewart – Meredith Baughman, Corvallis OR
- 3D Gary Moore – Trudy Moore, Orinda CA
- 2E Stephen Walker – Susannah Walker, Alamo CA
- 3E Judith Rosen – Tamera Florio, Bend OR

### Wednesday Morning Side Series ..... (16 pairs)

- 1A/B Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR
- 2A/B/1C Peter Isard – Margaret Cooke, Washington DC
- 3A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 3B/2C Pamela Howard – Kathleen Moore, Medford OR
- 3C Tay Cherry – Robert Cherry, Fresno CA

### Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs ..... (16 pairs)

- 1A Sam Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 2A/1B Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Gerald Clark, Anderson CA
- 3A Albert Wilson Jr. – George Kuppler, Brookings OR
- 2B/1C David Gent – Jacqueline Parrish, Medford OR
- 3B Beatrice Bridges, Grants Pass OR; Addie Greene, Ashland OR
- 2C Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Michael Nairn, Central Point OR
- 3C Peter Isard – Margaret Cooke, Washington DC

## Thursday, May 16

### Talent Thursday Open Pairs ..... (16 pairs)

- 1A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA
- 2A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Harriet Smith, Atlanta GA
- 3A/1B/C Margaret Breeden – James Breeden, Carson City NV
- 2B Michael Pavlik, Ashland OR; Theodore Marconi, Mount Shasta CA
- 2C Carol Smith – David Cartwright, Oakland CA

### Mount Ashland Thursday Gold Rush Pairs ... (28 pairs)

- 1C Mel Chaplin – Marilyn Chaplin, Brentwood CA
- 2C Casey Stiers, El Segundo CA; Patricia Robbins, Medford OR
- 3C Robert Rottmayer – Mary Lyons, Santa Rosa CA
- 1D/E Lawrence Crain – Sherry Schroeder, Medford OR
- 2D Bette Hirsch – Joseph Hirsch, Palo Alto CA
- 3D Donald Rice – Mary Louise Hendricks, Grants Pass OR
- 2E Judith Rosen – Tamera Florio, Bend OR

### Thursday Morning Side Game ..... (12 pairs)

- 1A Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 2A/1B/C Timothy Joseph – Juliana Cargill, Prescott AZ
- 3A/2B/C Dorothy Vogel, Talent OR; Tom Burton, Oakdale CA
- 3B Bill McGeary – Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA

### Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs ..... (12 pairs)

- 1A Albert Wilson Jr. – George Kuppler, Brookings OR
- 2A David Taylor, Seattle WA; James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA
- 3A/1B Bill McGeary – Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 2B Lawrence Diamant, Ashland OR; Beatrice Bridges, Grants Pass OR
- 3B Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR

### Paisley Thursday Aft. Side Swiss Teams .... (4 teams)

- 1A/B Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV; Robert Scott – James Flint, Ashland OR; Amy Casanova, Portland OR

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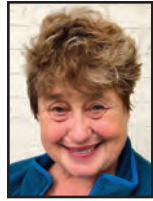
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# Player roundup

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

At the Medford Regional, we asked players this question: *What is something your teacher did or taught you that helped you the most?* Here are their answers.



Joan Borberg

*"Stop and make a plan. Be disciplined yet aggressive."*  
**Joan Borberg**  
Portland OR



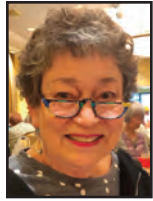
Brenda Biermann

*"How to play 2/1. And if you don't know what your partner's bid means, don't pass!"*  
**Brenda Biermann**  
Roseburg OR



William Donnelly

*"Walk through the bidding process and play of the hand to better visualize the lesson."*  
**William Donnelly**  
Medford OR



Sigrid Price

*"Don't forget you can use trump for transportation between hands."*  
**Sigrid Price**  
Napa CA



Staci Christian

*"If you are not 100% sure what your partner's bid means and your opponents ask for an explanation, say 'I don't know.'"*  
**Staci Christian**  
Lake Oswego OR



Dennis Kendig

*"Rules are made to be broken."*  
**Dennis Kendig**  
Ashland OR



Crispin Barrere

*"We must learn to identify when breaking the 'rule' is right. Blindly following adages will make you, at best, a mediocre player. Counting and making inferences to fathom why the opponents are bidding or playing as they do is harder but will pay substantial dividends down the road."*  
**Crispin Barrere**  
Berkeley CA

## Friday, May 17

### Medford Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 1 . . . . . (9 teams)

- 1 Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA
- 2 Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Daniel Friedman — Linda Friedman, Orinda CA; Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV
- 3-4 Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor — Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 3-4 Dawn Campbell — Edward Lee, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR

### Medford Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 2 . . . . . (9 teams)

- 1 Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Jerry Gordon, Salem OR; Keith Thorp, Klamath Falls OR; Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA
- 2 David McKee — Edward Goldman — David Bryant, Ashland OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 3-4 Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR; Douglas Merritt — Donna Andrews, Grants Pass OR; Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR
- 3-4 Jim Lopes, Culver City CA; Edwin Miller — Molly Tinsley — Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR

### Diamond Lake Friday Open Pairs . . . . . (28 pairs)

- 1A Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR; John Ashton, Portland OR
- 2A Amy Casanova, Portland OR; James Flint, Ashland OR
- 3A James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Elinor Hood, Portland OR
- 1B Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Linda Hann, Roseburg OR
- 2B/1C Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Sandra Brown, Arcata CA
- 3B/2C Nancy Wetherson — Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 3C Michael Pavlik — Robert Serrett, Ashland OR

### Crater Lake Friday Gold Rush Pairs . . . . . (26 pairs)

- 1C John Dove Sr. — Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA
- 2C/1D Debbie Grasham — Jack Grasham, Brookings OR
- 3C/2D Susan Fairchild — Clifford Fairchild, Corvallis OR
- 3D/1E Sherry Schroeder — Lawrence Crain, Medford OR
- 2E Randy Boyd — Donald Jacobs, Redding CA
- 3E Eileen Norris, Portland OR; Susan Brown, Beaverton OR

### Friday Morning Side Game . . . . . (14 pairs)

- 1A/B Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR; Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 2A Richard Carle, Longview WA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
- 3A/2B Dorothy Vogel, Talent OR; Tom Burton, Oakdale CA
- 3B Bill McGeary — Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA

### Friday Afternoon Side Game . . . . . (14 pairs)

- 1A Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 2A Ian Kirk — Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 3A Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Edward Lee, Portland OR
- 1B Glenda Fleming, Albany OR; Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
- 2B Bill McGeary — Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 3B Margi Redden, Portland OR; Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR

## Saturday, May 18

### Chiloquin Saturday Open Swiss Teams . . . . . (17 teams)

- 1A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA
- 2A Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA
- 3-4A Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Edward Lee — Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 3-4A Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Linda Friedman — Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA
- 1B David Bryant — Robert Serrett — Edward Goldman — Edwin Miller, Ashland OR; Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR
- 2-3B John Shribbs — Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA; Mel Chaplin — Marilyn Chaplin, Brentwood CA

- 2-3B Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Linda Hann — Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR; Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 1C John Shribbs — Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA; Mel Chaplin — Marilyn Chaplin, Brentwood CA

### Riddle Saturday Open Pairs . . . . . (18 pairs)

- 1A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA
- 2A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Harriet Smith, Atlanta CA
- 3A/1B Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV; Bob Valine, Ashland OR
- 2B Elinor Hood, Portland OR; David Taylor, Seattle WA
- 3B Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; Jim Lopes, Culver City CA
- 1C Steve Hubbell, Mountain View CA; Lani Ray, Santa Cruz CA
- 2C Glenda Fleming, Albany OR; Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR

### Canyonville Saturday Gold Rush Pairs . . . . . (14 pairs)

- 1C/E Lawrence Diamant — Ken Korth, Ashland OR
- 2C Jill Wolcott — Robert Wolcott, Medford OR
- 3C John Dove Sr. — Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA
- 2D Everett Anderson, Medford OR; Judd Robbins, Ashland OR
- 3D Donald Rice — Mary Louise Hendricks, Grants Pass OR
- 2E Susan Fairchild — Clifford Fairchild, Corvallis OR

### Saturday Morning Side Pairs . . . . . (12 pairs)

- 1A/C Kathi Downing — Ken Ramage, Blodgett OR
- 2A John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Marie Ashton, Portland OR
- 3A/2B Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR; John Retzlaff, Medford OR
- 3B Bill McGeary — Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 2C David McKee, Ashland OR; John Cowles, Talent OR
- 3C Nancy Wetherson — Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR

## Sunday, May 19

### Last Chance Sunday Round Robin Bkt 1 . . . . . (8 teams)

- 1 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR
- 2 Amy Casanova, Portland OR; James Flint — Robert Scott, Ashland OR; Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV
- 3 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA

### Last Chance Sunday Round Robin Bkt 2 . . . . . (8 teams)

- 1 David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Suzanne Cook — Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Sandra Brown, Arcata CA
- 2-3 David McKee, Ashland OR; John Cowles, Talent OR; Ron Jauch — Jamie Newman, Nevada City CA
- 2-3 Kemble Yates — Molly Tinsley — Bob Valine, Ashland OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR

### Last Chance Sunday Round Robin Bkt 3 . . . . . (8 teams)

- 1 Everett Anderson, Medford OR; Judd Robbins — Ken Korth — Lawrence Diamant, Ashland OR
- 2 Mark McKechnie — Leah McKechnie — Robert Wolcott — Jill Wolcott, Medford OR
- 3 Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR; Ken Ramage — Kathi Downing, Blodgett OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR

## Side Series

### Grants Pass Mon.-Wed. Side Series . . . . . (66 players)

- 1/4 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
- 1/4 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 1/4 Margaret Cooke, Washington DC
- 1/4 Peter Isard, Washington DC

### Rogue Valley Thurs.-Sat. Side Series . . . . . (81 players)

- 1-2 Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 1-2 Ian Kirk, Portland OR
- 3-4 Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR
- 3-4 Margi Redden, Portland OR



David Wilmington, Suzanne Cook  
Monday Charity Pairs



Linda and Dan Friedman  
Wednesday Open Pairs



Irva Kay Neyhart, John Ashton  
Friday Open Pairs



Ingrid Hsu, Albert Chu  
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs



Marilyn and Mel Chaplin  
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs



Ken North, Larry Diamant  
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs



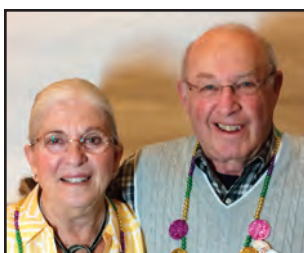
Ian Kirk, Deanna Birch  
Tuesday, Thursday Morning Side Pairs



Margi Redden, Brenda Biermann  
Friday Morning Side Pairs



Hal Montgomery, Laurie Rowe  
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs



Bette and Joe Hirsch  
2D Thursday Gold Rush Pairs



Judy Rosen, Tammy Florio  
2E Thursday Gold Rush Pairs

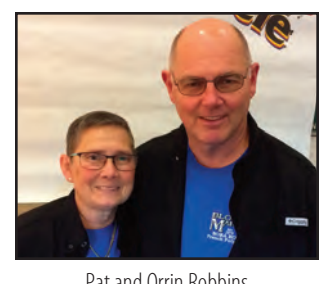


Sue and Cliff Fairchild  
2D Friday Gold Rush Pairs

## Sunday Bracketed Round Robin Teams



Bracket 1  
Jeff Taylor, Hal Montgomery, Mike Levy, Jean Barry



Pat and Orrin Robbins  
1B/C Monday Evening Swiss Teams

## Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 3245.62 earned by 249 players. Total attendance: 472 tables.	21 39.05 John Ashton, Portland OR	45 21.41 David McKee, Ashland OR	73 13.38 Ken Korth, Ashland OR	112 7.83 Judd Robbins, Ashland OR	141 5.72 Jon Neimand, Eugene OR
	22 38.41 Robert Scott, Ashland OR	46 21.06 Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR	77 12.31 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	7.83 Everett Anderson, Medford OR	5.72 James Smith, Mapleton OR
	23 37.10 Amy Casanova, Portland OR	47 20.32 Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR	78 12.16 Margi Redden, Portland OR	114 7.50 Ross Hibler, Salem OR	5.72 Patricia Robins, Medford OR
	24 33.94 Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR	48 19.86 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR	81 11.95 Linda Hann, Roseburg OR	7.50 Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR	143 5.67
1 72.06 John Moffat, Bellingham WA	24 33.94 Edward Lee, Portland OR	49 19.70 Edward Goldman, Ashland OR	118 7.24 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR	118 7.24 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR	147 5.39 Beatrice Bridges, Grants Pass OR
2 72.06 Dave Westfall, Spokane WA	26 32.62 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR	50 18.42 James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA	119 7.15 Robert Wolcott, Medford OR	119 7.15 Robert Wolcott, Medford OR	148 5.11 Cary Wirth, Nevada City CA
3 67.93 Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA	27 32.44 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA	51 18.07 Bob Valine, Ashland OR	7.15 Jill Wolcott, Medford OR	7.15 Jill Wolcott, Medford OR	152 4.97 Mark McKechnie, Medford OR
4 67.93 Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA	28 31.98 Joan Borberg, Portland OR	52 18.07 Bob Valine, Ashland OR	121 6.91 Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR	121 6.91 Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR	153 4.82 Tamera Florio, Bend OR
5 63.46 Jean Barry, Livermore CA	29 31.35 Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA	53 17.81 Gerald Clark, Anderson CA	6.91 Donna Andrews, Grants Pass OR	6.91 Donna Andrews, Grants Pass OR	148 4.82 Judith Rosen, Bend OR
6 61.57 Linda Friedman, Orinda CA	30 31.35 Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	54 17.60 Sherwin Moscow, Vancouver WA	123 6.89 Walter Thies, Corvallis OR	123 6.89 Walter Thies, Corvallis OR	155 4.68 Mary Louise Hendricks, Grants Pass OR
7 61.57 Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA	31 28.32 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA	55 17.60 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA	124 6.75 Meredith Baughman, Corvallis OR	124 6.75 Meredith Baughman, Corvallis OR	4.68 Donald Rice, Grants Pass OR
8 59.82 William Harker, Santa Fe NM	32 26.98 Paul Darin, San Diego CA	56 17.59 Glenda Fleming, Albany OR	6.75 Karla Stewart, Corvallis OR	6.75 Karla Stewart, Corvallis OR	4.64 Leah McKechnie, Medford OR
9 59.82 Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	26 98.82 Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	57 16.91 Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR	126 6.47 Sherry Schroeder, Medford OR	126 6.47 Sherry Schroeder, Medford OR	159 4.40 Dorothy Vogel, Talent OR
10 59.56 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	27 32.44 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA	58 16.91 Ginny Gainer, Portland OR	6.47 Lawrence Crain, Medford OR	6.47 Lawrence Crain, Medford OR	160 4.27 Noeline Myers, Corvallis OR
11 59.56 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	28 31.98 Joan Borberg, Portland OR	59 16.69 Michael Nain, Central Point OR	128 6.45 Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA	128 6.45 Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA	4.27 Jane Lackey, Corvallis OR
12 57.32 Michael Levy, Keizer OR	29 31.35 Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA	60 15.83 Ron Jauch, Nevada City CA	131 6.20 Susan Fairchild, Corvallis OR	131 6.20 Susan Fairchild, Corvallis OR	162 4.22 Ward Thompson, Penn Valley CA
13 54.12 Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA	30 31.35 Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	61 15.83 Jamie Newman, Nevada City CA	6.20 Clifford Fairchild, Corvallis OR	6.20 Clifford Fairchild, Corvallis OR	4.22 Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR
14 54.12 Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	31 28.32 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA	62 15.81 Keith Thorp, Klamath Falls OR	133 5.90 Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR	133 5.90 Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR	134 5.86 Randy Boyd, Redding CA
15 53.37 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	32 26.98 Paul Darin, San Diego CA	63 15.49 David Bryant, Ashland OR	135 5.78 Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR	135 5.78 Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR	166 4.15 Jacqueline Parrish, Medford OR
16 49.86 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR	26 98.82 Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	64 15.41 Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR	5.78 Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR	5.78 Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR	4.15 David Gent, Medford OR
17 49.48 Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV	27 32.44 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA	65 14.63 Sandra Brown, Arcata CA	137 5.77 Jack Grasham, Brookings OR	137 5.77 Jack Grasham, Brookings OR	170 4.00 Kathleen Moore, Medford OR
18 48.18 Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	28 31.98 Joan Borberg, Portland OR	66 14.62 Richard Carle, Longview WA	5.77 Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR	5.77 Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR	
19 48.18 Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD	29 31.35 Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA	67 14.17 Lawrence Diamant, Ashland OR			
20 45.41 James Flint, Ashland OR	30 31.35 Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	72 13.99 Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR			



## Chris's Corner

ACBL tournament director  
Chris Wiegand answers your  
questions on rulings.

**Q: At a regional event at the Memphis NABC, my RHO hesitated before playing a singleton king. I later read on BridgeWinners about a major event being decided on appeal due to an opponent's long thought before deciding which of two small cards to play.**

**What's up with that? When do I call the director? And when is it appropriate to fill out a player memo?**

There is not enough column space here to devote to the specifics of that ruling and the follow-up appeal. It was not a simple case as there were additional mitigating circumstances. Fortunately, there was video of the play at the table that allowed for exact time to be counted, mannerisms to be observed, etc. We do not always have that data for rulings.

When someone asks me if it is proper to call the director, the answer is nearly always yes. And if the hand is complete, there is never really an issue with calling a director, if it is done in the proper way. The main issue with a question involving time is that without video camera data, it is a test of memories as to how much time was taken at any particular junction, and memory can be faulty and very subjective. Also, summoning a director can seem as if it is an accusation of wrongdoing, daresay cheating, by an opponent. But there are laws that address this situation, and so asking the director for a ruling is simply that: stating the facts as you recall them and asking for an adjudication to be made.

Law 73, parts D and E, speak directly to variations in tempo or manner and deception as applicable to just this type of situation. Essentially, a player may attempt to deceive an opponent by a call or play, so long as the deception is not part of an undisclosed partnership understanding and the deception is not accompanied by improper mannerisms. Improper mannerisms would include haste or hesitancy, gestures, remarks, etc.

If the director determines that a) an innocent player has drawn a false inference from such a mannerism by his opponent, b) that opponent had no demonstrable bridge reason for his mannerism, and c) that opponent could have been aware at the time that the mannerism could work to his benefit, then the director shall award an adjusted score [Law 73.E.2]. Should you call the director on this point? You should if you think you have an argument that may satisfy all three conditions, but be prepared to accept the adjudication that the director gives.

### Player memos

When is a player memo appropriate? Similar to calling the director, the answer is that if you think it might be appropriate, then it is. Player memos are our way of establishing patterns.

Some things are permissible as long as they are not part of a pattern or an undisclosed agreement — for example, psych calls. But the only way to determine a pattern is if players report the facts and that something may be amiss.

If you suspect that something may be "off" at your table, report it. If enough reports about the same issue(s) with the same player(s) keep cropping up, action will be taken. Information about player memos can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y2enqblg>.

Ruling questions for Chris? Email [chris.wiegand@acbl.org](mailto:chris.wiegand@acbl.org).



# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

## DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

### JUNE 2019

6 – 7	Portland STaC	Portland area clubs
8 – 9	Portland Spring Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
28 – 30	Salem Sectional	Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, Keizer OR

### JULY 2019

12 – 14	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
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### AUGUST 2019

2 – 4	Sutter Buttes Sectional	St. John's Episcopal Church, Marysville CA
<b>Aug 5 – 11</b>	<b>EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL</b>	<b>Valley River Inn, Eugene OR</b>
16 – 18	Vancouver Summer Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
23 – 25	Bend Sectional	Kenwood School, Bend OR

### SEPTEMBER 2019

5 – 6	Portland STaC	Portland area clubs
6 – 8	Eureka Sectional	Humboldt Area Foundation, Eureka CA
7 – 8	Portland Summer Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
13 – 15	Boise Sectional	Red Lion Hotel Downtowner, Boise ID
13 – 15	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
13 – 15	Rogue Valley Fall Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

### OCTOBER 2019

<b>Sept 30 – Oct 6</b>	<b>OREGON COAST REGIONAL</b>	<b>Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR</b>
12 – 13	North American Pairs	Online at various locations
18 – 20	Gold Country Sectional	St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
19 – 20	Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
24 – 27	Central Oregon Coast Sectional	Shilo Inn, Newport OR

### NOVEMBER 2019

1 – 3	Redding Fall Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
2 – 3	Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional	Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
1 – 3	Nampa-Caldwell Sectional	Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa ID
TBA	East & West Willamette Sectional	Portland Bridge Club and Ace of Clubs
9	Rogue Valley I/N Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
9 – 10	Vancouver Fall Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
15 – 17	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

### DECEMBER 2019

No events scheduled

### JANUARY 2020

TBA	Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
17 – 19	Garden Island Sectional	Sun Village Condominium Recreation Center, Lihue HI
<b>Jan 20 – 26</b>	<b>HAWAII REGIONAL</b>	<b>Prince Waikiki, Honolulu OR</b>

### FEBRUARY 2020

7 – 9	Maui Sectional	Maui Bridge Club, Kihei HI
7 – 9	Boise Sectional	Red Lion Hotel Downtowner, Boise ID
15 – 17	Big Island Sectional	Makua Lani Christian Academy, Kailua Kona HI
<b>Feb 17 – 23</b>	<b>OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL</b>	<b>Vancouver Wash. Hilton, Vancouver WA</b>

### MARCH 2020

6 – 8	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
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## TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

### DISTRICT 19: [www.d19.org](http://www.d19.org)

June 10–16	<b>Penticton Regional BC</b>
June 17–23	<b>Anchorage Regional AK</b>
July 5–7	Mercer Island Sectional WA
July 26–28	Bremerton Sectional WA
Aug. 19–25	<b>Lynnwood Regional WA</b>
Aug. 30–Sept. 2	Olympia Sectional WA
Aug. 30–Sept. 2	Spokane Valley Sectional WA
Sept. 20–22	Seattle Sectional & I/N Regional, Bothell WA
Sept. 26–28	Grandview Sectional WA
Oct. 21–27	<b>Pasco Regional WA</b>
Oct. 28–Nov. 3	<b>Whistler Regional BC</b>

### DISTRICT 21: [www.d21acbl.com](http://www.d21acbl.com)

June 29–30	Walnut Creek Sectional CA
July 3–7	Mountain View Sectional CA
Aug. 14–17	Reno Sectional, Sparks NV
Aug. 27–Sept. 2	<b>Santa Clara Regional CA</b>
Sept. 6–8	Sacramento Sectional, Orangevale CA
Sept. 19–22	Carson City Sectional NV
Sept. 27–29	Sacramento I/N Sectional CA
Oct. 7–13	<b>Reno Regional, Sparks NV</b>

### DISTRICT 18: [www.wasumi.org](http://www.wasumi.org)

June 28–30	<b>Calgary I/N Regional AB</b>
Aug. 12–18	<b>Red Deer Regional AB</b>
Aug. 16–18	Idaho Falls Sectional ID
Aug. 23–25	Missoula Sectional MT
Sept. 16–22	<b>Butte Regional MT</b>
Sept. 27–29	Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Oct. 14–20	<b>Regina Regional SK</b>

### DISTRICT 17: [www.d17acbl.org](http://www.d17acbl.org)

July 12–14	<b>Denver I/N Regional, Golden CO</b>
Aug. 12–18	<b>Scottsdale Regional AZ</b>
Sept. 23–29	<b>Taos Regional NM</b>
Oct. 21–25	Las Vegas Sectional NV
Nov. 14–17	Tucson Sectional & I/N Regional AZ

### DISTRICT 22: [acbldistrict22.com/d22](http://acbldistrict22.com/d22)

Aug. 2–4	San Diego Sectional CA
Sept. 2–8	<b>Orange County Regional, Costa Mesa CA</b>
Oct. 25–27	Palm Springs Sectional CA
Oct. 28–Nov. 3	<b>Ventura Regional CA</b>
Dec. 9–15	<b>Palm Springs Regional, Rancho Mirage CA</b>

## NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 18–28	Summer 2019	Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas NV
Nov. 28 – Dec. 8	Fall 2019	Marriott Marquis, San Francisco CA
March 19–29	Spring 2020	Hyatt & Hilton, Columbus OH
July 16–26	Summer 2020	Palais des Congrès, Montreal QC