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Bridge Across the District

Spring 2020

Mike Eyer is district president

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

The District 20 board met at the Oregon Trail Regional and elected a new president. There were initially two candidates, however one withdrew shortly before the election. Mike Eyer is now District 20's new president,

replacing Laurie Rowe.

Rowe, who served two terms as president, was recently elected to the national board of directors.

Eyer has been an active participant in District 20 bridge since 1972, when he began playing while stationed in Klamath Falls, serving in the Air Force.

Eyer has served two three-year

terms on the Portland unit board, five of them as president. He was treasurer for the Portland 1986 NABC and was also both a sectional and regional tournament manager for several years. For the district, he has served as first alternate district director, vice president, area rep, recorder, and on the board of governors.

"My focus will be on strengthening hospitality, active ethics and goodwill," Eyer said. "If players feel welcome, they will return. All players owe an obligation to the other players and the game to be gracious.

"While we as district officers

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Mike Eyer

Plan to reduce board size fails on close vote

The Fall NABC was held in San Francisco, one of my favorite tournament cities. It seems appropriate since it was my last tournament as your District 20 director.



Merlin Vilhauer
D20 District Director

I have really enjoyed serving the district for the past nine years. I learned a lot about the workings of the ACBL. I leave wishing the reorganization had happened and that the computer system was a little more secure. It has been my honor

to represent District 20 on the national board.

After having a difficult year in 2018 and losing money, the ACBL appears to be going into the black in 2019.

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Results from San Francisco

Many District 20 players played in the Fall NABC in San Francisco. A few got high finishes in national events, mostly limited ones.

Amy Casanova was fourth in the Whitehead Women's Pairs and also made overalls in the Mixed Swiss Teams with Hal Montgomery. Ray Robert and Ed Lee placed third in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, where Sam Asai and Ed Freeman were 15th. And Dawn Campbell's team was second in the 10K Swiss Teams.

In regional events, Montgomery won the Wednesday open pairs with Jean Barry, and they were second on Friday. Bob Law was 1B in the fast pairs Wednesday. David McGraham

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Dave Brower, George Crawford and Kathy Mather are joining the Goodwill Committee.

Goodwill greats

ACBL Goodwill Committee gets three new members

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

We couldn't usher in a new decade without inaugurating some new folks into the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee. Meet the generous players among you who selflessly give their time to the bridge community.

Dave Brower

Brower has been playing bridge since he was 10 years old. He is a club co-owner, teacher, coach and director of the Portland Bridge Club. According to his co-

owner, David Castles, Brower has an infectious love for the game, and is always working to spread that love.

"At a time when bridge communities throughout the country are struggling to maintain their size, David has been bringing large numbers of brand-new players into the fold," says Castles.

When asked what Brower has done to give back to the bridge community, Chris Wiegand jokes it might be easier to list what he hasn't done. Wiegand says Brower has helped turn what was a languishing club into a thriving one.

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2019 masterpoint races wrap

There were few high placings in national masterpoint races by District 20 players.

Louis Beauchet was fourth in Youth, eighth in Juniors and eighth in his Mini-McKenney bracket (1000–1500). Brenda Biermann and Amy Casanova both placed fifth in their brackets (200–300 and 1500–2500).

After winning three straight national Ace

of Clubs races in three consecutive brackets, Irva Kay Neyhart said she would scale back her club play in 2019. Though she earned the second-most masterpoints of anyone in District 20 with 756.37, only 322.74 were black, leaving her 25th in the 5000–7500 bracket.

See the District 20 winners of all races on page 13.

Count not as sunny as weather

The Oregon Trail Regional finished short of expectations and below the previous year's table count by 2.5%. With 1414 tables, this year was down just 37 tables from 2019, not terrible considering the trend. With the estimate of 1541 tables proving to be too optimistic, the finance committee recommended budgeting for about 1500 tables next year.

In 2019, there was light snow on the weekend and planners believed that negatively impacted attendance for the last two days. This year the weather was outstanding, in the upper 50s and sunny. Maybe it was too good for indoor bridge and folks stayed home to do some yard work or enjoy other outdoor activities.

For the second year in a row, the schedule was staggered to include

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Bend Regional coming in May

I hope you all are planning to come to Bend for the Oregon High Desert Regional May 11–17. The venue is the beautiful Riverhouse on the Deschutes.



Jim Wheeler
Tournament Manager

There are lots of opportunities for gold points — for newcomers and old timers alike. Please see the ad on page 9 in this issue of the Trumpet for details. See you in Bend.

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

From punk teen to preppy national-event competitor? Crazy!

Do you ever stop and think to yourself, "If someone told me 10 or 20 years ago that this is what my life would look like, I'd say they were crazy!"

I do all the time.

When I was in fourth grade, I was really struggling with math. I remember sitting at the kitchen table and my dad trying to help me with story problems. "The time is 3:46. What time will it be in 27 minutes?" I just could not figure it out. Math was hard enough for me, but add in *time* and a *clock*? Forget it. I remember our mutual frustration over 30 years later. I never advanced past algebra. Now I work with numbers doing bookkeeping and accounting and I play bridge, a game that some people say has statistics and stuff. Crazy!

My personal style began to change in middle school. I started going downtown to shop for records and buy my clothes at vintage stores. I desperately wanted to dye my

hair purple, but my dad would not allow it. Later, after I completely rebelled and moved out of the house at the tender age of 15, I shaved half of my head and pierced my nose. My mom said I'd never get a job.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

At this point you might be trying to picture me with half a head of hair and a nose ring. I now shop at the Gap and JCrew. Crazy!

My son asked to bleach his hair — his beautiful, thick, chestnut hair — and dye it pink. Of course, I said yes, and the middle school kid in me wanted him to do it. But the mother in me was nervous. I get it now, mom and dad. I'm a parent. Crazy!

When I first started playing bridge, we used travelers at the club; there was no electronic scoring at the tables. When the north player was scoring without looking at the back of the bid card for the contract score, I remember thinking to myself, "They have the scores memorized?! I'll never bother to remember that."

The first few times I went to NABCs I played in North American events in the C and B flights. These events are a great introduction to playing in a large tournament. They are limited events in the lower flights and represent a pair or team from each district so you play people from all over the country.

Last year I went to three NABCs: Memphis, Las Vegas and San Francisco. I played in some limited events and a few national events. I usually set my expectations fairly low. It's pretty easy to leave with very few masterpoints, if not zero. The competition is *tough!* There are not many opportunities locally to practice against unfamiliar opponents. Thanks to my great partners, I did better than I expected. If someone had whispered in my 19-year-old ear at the Eastside Bridge Club that in 25 years I'd be placing fourth in a national event, you know what I'd say? Crazy!

I'm not going to stop trying to be first. My personal goal is to be a Grand Life

Master someday. Assuming an average life span I'm probably young enough to accumulate 10,000 points. But winning a national event takes some luck. It also takes showing up. No matter your goal, you have to show up to achieve it.

That's why I'm so proud of **Inez Weiss**, who just became a Silver Life Master at the Oregon Trail Regional. When she started playing duplicate in her 60s she almost didn't bother to join the ACBL, thinking, "Why track masterpoints? I'll never live long enough to be a Life Master. Now here she is with over 1000 points and she is still actively learning and getting better."

The great thing about the game is that there is a level and a goal for everyone, and we can all inspire and help one another. So set your sights on something and keep playing. You might surprise yourself at how much better you can get, and there's nothing crazy about that.

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Making time for bridge: a worthy cause

I've often complained I don't play nearly as much bridge as I used to since I moved to the Memphis area. After four years of complaining, I finally did something about it: I rearranged my schedule to make room for a weekly club game.

Last summer the local club divided. A majority voted to move to a new location. I always considered the old building a bit far, but the new one is much further away.

Considering that I showed up at most once a month when the club was 28 minutes away, I expected that to dwindle to zero when facing a 37-minute drive.

But I wasn't the only one dissatisfied with the move. There were enough people who wanted a more central location to start a new club. They found a site that *feels* much closer than the old club — only 20 minutes!

The main obstacle, however, has always been timing. I'm a busy guy. My Saturdays are devoted to Trumpet work and my Sundays are jam-packed with errands. At my previous job, I was able to structure my work week around my bridge time, leaving every Thursday afternoon and many Fridays open. But at the ACBL, I have to be in the office all day. Major drag.

My free time, if I have any, tends to be between 11 p.m. and midnight, which is not a popular time for bridge games. Because I'm a night person, they do let me come in two hours later than most people, but that means I have to stay later — too late for any night games.

Since I didn't consider bridge after work a viable option, I didn't take it into ac-

count when I chose my pool schedule. I swim four miles a week, including two nights after work. They'd been Tuesday and Thursday until last fall. But Tuesday is the one night a week there's an open game available, so I finally switched my swim nights to Monday and Thursday. And I leave work a little early on Tuesday to make it to the 6:30 game.

There are a lot of new and lower-level players in the Tuesday night game, so the pace is quite slow. We only play 21 or 22 boards and it still takes until 10 p.m. — or later. I don't get dinner until after I'm home around 11.

The games are usually four to six tables — the same size I was used to in North Bend and Bandon. With so much of the field being novices, the results are much more random. Someone is getting fixed on pretty much every board.

If too many of these freak results break in your favor, you end up in the Big Games column. My partner and I had back-to-back scores over 75% in February. If too many of the fixes go against you, you come in fifth with a 52% despite playing about the same. It's all a question of whether the field is throwing more matchpoints at us or our opponents.

So the bridge isn't the best, the late dinners aren't ideal, and I have just two weeknights left for whatever else I need to get done. But is it worth it? Absolutely.

In addition to Tuesday nights, I'm also getting one more hour of bridge into my week. For some time the ACBL has had a social game at noon on Fridays. But with

my late schedule, lunch time for me isn't until after 3. So I was usually hunkered down at my desk at that time, oblivious to the game down the hall.

Around the same time I started playing Tuesdays, I also started making it a point to show up in the break room on Fridays. This is lots of fun. There are usually two tables, sometimes three. Occasionally we compare scores, but mostly not.

This board from a recent Friday game was shuffled at the other table. My hand:

♠3 ♥K 10 9 7 4 2 ♦— ♣J 8 7 6 4 2

All red, partner opens 1♦ and there's a 1♠ overcall. They aren't exactly robust, but I certainly have the unbid suits, so I double. Partner rebids 1NT, and RHO bids 2♠. I would have liked to show my weak, shapely hand a level lower, but I'm not going to pass with 6-6. So I bid 3♥ and get raised to 4♥.

The ♠9 is led and this is dummy.

♠A K 6 5 ♥Q J 6 ♦A 10 6 3 ♣9 3

Despite half of my partner's 14 HCP being wasted values and the hearts breaking 4-0, I was able to lose just two clubs and the ♥A. Fortunately the hand with the ♠AKQ tight and six spades doesn't have a trump to lead and can't prevent me from getting the ruff that establishes my clubs.

How often do you get to be declarer in game with only 4 HCP? Clearly playing this hand was a much better use of my time than whatever I might have otherwise been doing at my desk.

I shouldn't have gone so long playing so little. It's nice to be back.

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Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

Letter

Keep The Trumpet in print

Kudos to Dennis Kendig for his article on "Understanding the New Convention Charts."

I must say my eyes glazed over when the Bridge Bulletin introduced and explained the new charts. I was so confused, I had no idea what may or may not apply to my play and my partnership agreements. But Dennis's article did an outstanding job of explaining the application of all the different charts, and the major changes that I could understand and implement with my partners.

I also have a suggestion for the Trumpet. In the section on District 20 rank changes, I would like to suggest that under the category name (i.e., Junior Masters) you add an explanation for what qualifies for that rank.

There are so many ranks that it's very difficult to remember them all.

I also noted that Amy's column talked about the cost of producing the Trumpet and the questions regarding continuing the paper version of the publication. I would like to add my voice to those who support continuing the paper version. It's just not the same trying to navigate reading an electronic version. Spending the morning with my coffee and the paper version of the Trumpet is something I look forward to.

I was recently at an out-of-own regional where they significantly reduced the number of paper daily bulletins and offered them online. It was not a positive experience.

Renee Ferrera
Portland

Deaths

JoAnne Georgi – 77, of Salem OR died Nov. 2, 2019.

Ted Gessner – 92, of Klamath Falls OR died Dec. 13, 2019.

Joyce Guhy – 86, of Redmond OR died Jan. 15, 2020.

John Hassen – 80, of Medford OR died Jan. 30, 2020.

Carol Kato – 71, of Medford OR died Dec. 8, 2019.

Arol Masters – 85, of Salem OR died Dec. 31, 2019.

Barbara Mollison – 102, of Klamath Falls OR died Dec. 15, 2019.

Vicki Williams – 91, of Medford OR died Feb. 25, 2020.

Election notice

The district offices of **First** and **Second Alternate** are up for election this year.

Laurie Rowe was elected last year for a three-year term as our District Director, representing us on the ACBL board. Among other things, her duties include attending the board meetings at the three NABC tournaments each year. The First and Second Alternates stand in for Laurie if she can't attend a meeting.

To declare candidacy for one of these positions, you must send notification to ACBL at elections@acbl.org or ACBL Elections, PO Box 289, Horn Lake, MS, 38637-9902.

Tell them your name, player number and the office you want: First or Second Alternate. Key: The declaration must be received by May 31, 2020. If two or more declarations are received, an election is held with the units having the vote.



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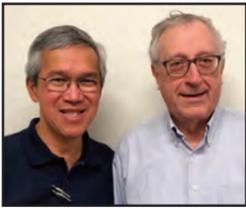
SAN FRANCISCO FALL NABC

Portland pair third in Mini-Blues

By Ray Robert
For the Trumpet

The Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, like its eponymous national event, is a three-day contest held during the fall nationals, held in San Francisco in 2019. Even two-day pair events are rare outside of the nationals; the opportunity to play in a three-day event is one good reason to hit at least part of a national.

In three-day events, half of the opening field qualifies for the second day, and only the top half of that group for day three. The Mini-Blue is limited to players with under 6000 masterpoints. I was heading down primarily to play this event with Ed Lee. We play a fairly basic 2/1 card.



Ed Lee and Ray Robert

I left my house just after 4 a.m. the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to catch a plane for the 1 p.m. opening session. I noticed with irritation that I had a tickle in my throat, meaning I'd be fighting a cold as well as fatigue and my other ongoing health issues. Sure enough, we turned in only a 49.5% in session 1. However, we felt that if we'd just continue playing our normal game, we'd be fine. Indeed, we scored a 60% in the evening to qualify for day two. We kept it up, and went into the final day 11th overall.

Even in the finals we mostly rolled with the percentages. On board 17 of the

fifth session, though, nobody vulnerable, Ed as dealer sitting north opened 1♥, passed to me. I held this collection:

♠10 7 4 ♥10 ♦10 6 ♣A K J 9 8 6 4

In our methods 3♣ is natural, invitational, and denies interest in partner's suit, pretty much what I had. However, I decided that if the opponents competed to 3♦, I was going to take the push to 4♣. If I'm going to do that, I might as well just bid 2♣, game forcing, so I did. West came in with 2♦, but Ed trotted out 2♠. I had a Moysian (4-3) fit, and after I'd learned we had nothing wasted in diamonds, I raised to 4♠. Ed's hand:

♠A K Q 6 ♥K 8 5 3 2 ♦7 4 ♣Q 3

When spades broke 3-3, the contract came home for a possibly undeserved top.

A key deal was board 18 in the final session:

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

West	North	East	South
	Ed		Ray
		Pass	Pass
1NT ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	2♦ ⁽²⁾	All Pass

1. 10-12 HCP
2. Red suits

Would that have been your choice? West had no reason to prefer hearts, so he passed. Ed didn't want to guide them to what might be a safer black contract, so he passed as well. I led a diamond, and in short order we drew trumps and cashed our side winners for down five! Plus 250 was a virtual top on what was essentially a partscore hand; 3NT is a lucky make since the clubs are blocked, but nobody tried it. This particular East-West pair finished the event half a matchpoint behind us, so I imagine this board loomed large in their postmortem.

The posted leaderboard showed that we went into the final round of the sixth and last session in third place. On our last hand, board 10, everyone was vulnerable. We took a push to 5♥. East, who held ♥AK 8 2, some cards in spades, and had heard his partner make a vulnerable unusual 2NT bid, thought we got too high and told us so with a red card. However, it came home for plus 850. We hoped that would be enough to pull us into second, but it was not to be. Third paid 42 masterpoints.

After the stress of the event, we relaxed in a regional knockout with former Portlander Chuck Swart and a Bay Area player who'd never been to an ACBL tournament. There were some rocky moments as he got used to the mechanics of it, but we capped off our tournament with a win in this event.

Ray Robert, a Gold Life Master, has represented District 20 in North American events a few times.

District Board

Depleted reserves force table fee hike

\$2K loss for '19; Medford withdraws as regional site

By Marie Ashton
Business Manager

New area representatives from Corvallis and Bend, Dennis Harms and Lorraine Rodich, attended their first board meeting at which a slate of officers was elected for the year.

The board elected new officers Mike Eyer, president; Jon Gustafson, vice president; and re-elected Rich Carle, secretary; and July Ratley, treasurer.



Dennis Harms

The district board has spent a great portion of its time dealing with financial losses. Years of losses have reduced the reserves to a level which requires aggressive measures to increase income and replenish reserves to a satisfactory level for negotiations with venues and safeguard against emergencies. To that end, regional entry fees will increase to \$15 beginning in 2021.



Lorraine Rodich

In addition, the board will take a serious look at expenses for fees, travel reimbursements and free plays. Contact Jim Wheeler (jimpamw@yahoo.com), July Ratley (julyratley@gmail.com) or Sam Asai (samuel.p.asai@gmail.com) with comments or suggestions.

While 2019 resulted in a loss of about \$2,000, it was not so bad as predicted. We were fortunate to receive \$1,800 from the district STaCs in our first year and Nancy Jonske generously did not charge her \$800 fee.

Tournaments did not meet projections, but Medford and Seaside helped offset less than hoped for results in Vancouver and Eugene. Finally, the North American events didn't cost as much as projected. For more detail, see the financial statements on the district website.

The Medford unit has decided it no longer wishes to hold a regional in May of odd numbered years. To fill that time slot, Lorraine Rodich stated that Bend would be happy to host again in May of 2021. July Ratley will explore the feasibility of holding a tournament in Redding in May of 2022, giving Redding more time to prepare for a possible regional.

Regarding North American events, the board declined to approve a motion hold the Flight B and C teams in multiple face-to-face locations. All events will continue to be online, and board members are expected to encourage players to participate and to support the events themselves.

The board agreed to reduce expense reimbursements from the general fund to any net income produced by the club qualifying games and district final events. The Grass Roots rebate received each year from ACBL will continue to provide expense reimbursements to winners.

In other business, Oregon Trail Regional starting times in 2021 for Friday and Saturday were changed to daylight schedule.

Changes to the MOPP were approved. The board voted to acknowledge and thank Merlin Vilhauer for his nine years of service as district director. He loves the game of bridge and will still be playing every chance he gets, he said.

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Teachers' Corner

Barbara Seagram coming to Boise

I am so excited! The author of "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know," Barbara Seagram, is coming to the Pacific Northwest. Her seminars and lessons are fantastic for both students and for teacher best practices.

Barbara is an ABTA Master Teacher and for many years ran the largest bridge club in North America. She will offer morning lessons July 28-30.

There are over 100,000 copies in print of her book. It was originally published in 1999 and named the book of the year by the American Bridge Teachers Association. It is one of the best-selling bridge books of the last 50 years. "The Pocket Guide to Bridge" is also a great compact reference for beginners. Seagram's "Cheat Sheets" are very handy summary reference guides.

Plan to take a road trip this summer and make the D20 Treasure Valley Regional your destination. Drive the scenic Columbia River Valley through beautiful high desert to D20's easternmost regional. On the way, visit the orchards of Hood River, or go wine tasting in Walla Walla, or visit historic Pendleton. Treasure Valley has an air museum, birds of prey center, a botanical garden, parks and paths, a distillery and wineries.

A Sapphire Life Master, Barbara served on the ACBL Board of Governors from 1997 to 2009.

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Nancy Jonske
Education Liaison

Vancouver Spring Sectional April 4-5, 2020

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratiflighted Open Pairs (AXY & BCD)
Novice Pairs (0-100 Stratified, # of tables permitting)
Stratified Open Pairs
NLM Pairs (0-500 Stratified)

All pair strats determined by average MPs of pair, but AXY, BCD and NLM limits apply

Sunday, April 5, 10 a.m. & TBA

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
Flight A=5000+, Flight X=3000-5000, Flight Y=0-3000
Flight BCD: B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-300

*Stratified Fast Pairs (10 a.m., single session)
*Field stratified by director based on entries

Open Strats	NLM Strats	Stratiflighted Pairs	
A=2000+	A=300-500	A=4000+	B=750-1500
B=1000-2000	B=100-300	X=2000-4000	C=300-750
C=0-1000	C=0-100	Y=0-2000	D=0-300

A team with any player over 1500 masterpoints plays in Flight A/X/Y; all brackets determined by average MPs of team

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THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Sherry practices Minorwood – a bit too often

Sherry Squirrel is pacing and worried whether anyone will ever play with her again. Although Sherry is always looking for someone to blame, it looks like it is all on her own shoulders. Taking responsibility for your own mistakes is so very hard. She is finally at the spot where she can add one new convention per game with her favorite partner.

If she plays with a new partner, she tries to keep systems to a minimum so that her mistakes are not quite so glaring. She knows that her little brain has a hard enough time counting trump and following the auction. Remembering a system just overloads her memory banks.

[Sherry's POV]

Watching vulnerability is so important. I am playing with my favorite partner, Franny Fox, and we are adding the convention of minorwood (which is like Blackwood for minors.) When you are playing Roman key card Blackwood, you are asking partner about the number of aces and the trump king.

I remember when I had to be dragged — kicking and screaming — into asking about key cards. I got myself into a perfectly good 6♥ slam, off one ace. Then the person on my left had the audacity to double me. He had the ♥AK, which was hardly a sporting double. So, I agreed to learn RKCB.

So now if Franny and I agree on a minor suit, and I go above 3NT to either 4♣ or 4♦, I am asking for key cards, including the trump king, in the minor. You

use the same steps as you do in RKCB: with our 1430 system, first step is 1 or 4, second step is 3 or 0, third step is 2 without the queen, and fourth step is 2 with the queen. Franny and I love to investigate minor-suit slams and are not afraid to bid our minors.



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

Our Owl leader says length before strength. And be fearless. Easy for her to say, and way too easy for me to do.

All vulnerable, I pick up a lovely hand:

♠7 ♥82 ♦AKJ532 ♣QJ105

Franny opens 1♦ and of course I get excited. I remind myself that she has only promised three cards in the suit. My RHO bids 1♠. I bid 2♣, which is forcing and promising at least 10 HCP.

LHO passes, and Franny bids 3♣, so I bid 4♣, minorwood. She shows two key cards, but I hoped for ♥A and ♣A, but she has the ♣K and the ♥A. My 6♦ is down. The minorwood worked. I just didn't use my brain. Asking in diamonds might have worked better.

Later, I pick up this hand, vulnerable:

♠6 ♥QJ87643 ♦QJ1096 ♣—

Franny opens 1♦, RHO overcalls 1♠. I bid 2♥. I know that promises 10 HCP and at least five hearts. I'm hoping maybe we will have a double fit. LHO bids 2♠, Franny and RHO pass. I bid 4♦ (minorwood), I am just so excited, since I have three losers outside of diamonds. She opened a diamond and I supported her above 3NT.

As I hear from the Owl later, this is

wrong in so many ways. I should not ask for key cards with a void. I have already overbid this hand and Franny passed over 2♠ so she does not have three hearts. I am on a limb here and just chop my team off. When partner answers 4♠, showing two key cards, I can still say 5♦ which makes, but no, I bid 6♦.

Owl's advice

Minorwood allows you to investigate slam below the game level so you can stop

at five of a minor.

One should not use Blackwood or minorwood with a void.

Most importantly, you need to listen to your partner, and when they tell you that you are off two key cards, just bid game. And remember, just because you learn a new convention does not mean that it will come up in a session.

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

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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| Thomas Blackburn, Kailua Kona HI | Toby Freeman, Redding CA | Betty McLennan, Eugene OR |
| Madi Bowen, Vancouver WA | Thomas Green, Canby OR | Janice Middleton, Keizer OR |
| Mike Bowen, Vancouver WA | Steve Hawkins, Ewa Beach HI | Martha Moran, Eugene OR |
| Ann Browning, Portland OR | Jesica Jabr, Lake Oswego OR | Rebecca Orwoll, Portland OR |
| Jan Burnham, Chico CA | Carol Jack, Chico CA | Connie Redhead, Portland OR |
| Thomas Burns, Arcata CA | Jasper Katz, Ashland OR | Renate Ryan, Honolulu HI |
| Tom Burns, Portland OR | Harry Kavich, Eureka CA | Paul Scappachio, Keauau HI |
| Julie Caley, Anderson CA | Roberta Keller, Beaverton OR | Jamey Skillings, Kailua HI |
| Patrick Callahan, Kailua Kona HI | Paul Kirk, Portland OR | Martin Slapikas, Portland OR |
| James Cannon, Corvallis OR | Dave Knoyle, Longview WA | Alison Smith, Corvallis OR |
| Katie Charles, Boise ID | John Koehler, Longview WA | Margo Souza, Waikoloa HI |
| Colette Cobb, Waikoloa HI | Susan Krouscup, Bend OR | Elisabeth Stanton, Tigard OR |
| Frank Connor, Portland OR | | Jean Talmadge, Brookings OR |
| Russ Dodd, Boise ID | | Sarah Vinnedge, Captain Cook HI |
| Christine Donchin, Ashland OR | | Ron Wolfe, Waikoloa HI |

Welcome!

2020 Ontario Sectional

Four Rivers Cultural Center

676 SW 5th Ave., Ontario, Ore.
(541) 889-8191

Friday, April 17

Stratified Pairs 11 a.m.
Stratified Pairs 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Stratified Pairs 10:30 a.m.
Stratified Pairs 3:30 p.m.

All Stratified Events: C = 0-500; B = 500-1500; A = 1500+
I/N games, attendance permitting: 0-299

Sunday, April 19

Swiss Teams 10:30 a.m.
Play-through, Stratified (average of team members), VPs

Luncheon served between sessions

Entry Fees:\$10 per session
Lapsed ACBL Members:\$14 per session
Sunday Swiss Teams\$128/4-person team

Non-smoking tournament

Partnerships: Dauna Henggeler, (208) 452-3374
Tournament chairperson: Philip Mayberry,
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Director in Charge: John Gram

Come join us for some good food, great hospitality and some fantastic bridge!

Redding Unit 464 Presents

The Sundial Bridge Spring Sectional

April 17-19, 2020

Win-River Resort & Casino • 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd. • Redding, Calif.

Ask for bridge tournament rate (deadline April 2): \$99/double occupancy Thursday and Sunday; \$109/double occupancy Friday and Saturday

530-243-3377 or 800-280-UWIN; www.winriver.com

Friday, April 17

299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 a.m.	3 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Open Pairs (two session event)	10 a.m.	3 p.m.

(Single session pairs welcome)

Sunday, April 19

Stratified Swiss Teams (20 Victory Point scale)	10 a.m.
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Two sessions play through

(\$10 deli sandwich and salad buffet available between sessions)

Stratifications	Director:
A: 2000+	Steve Kaessner
B: 750-2000	Chairperson:
C: 0-750 (NLM)	Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694
299ers: 0-299.99	Partnerships:
Fees:	Gerri Wolfe, 530-527-2095,
\$10 per session; \$15 for lapsed ACBL members	lwolfe@yahoo.com
This is a Z-T policy event	

Sanction No. 2004330

DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

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 Kristin Oishi, Honolulu HI
 William Pearl, Honolulu HI
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 Peter Soni, Newberg OR
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 Henry Swigert, Portland OR
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 Gay Gale, Honolulu HI
 Janice Hannahs, Bend OR
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 Susan Hutton, Ashland OR
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 Nikolay Ryzhenko, Beaverton OR
 Elizabeth Schuft, Corvallis OR
 Michael Schuft, Corvallis OR
 Benjamin Smith, Bend OR

New Life Masters



Gale Alvistur
Chico CA



Cynthia Brogan
Vancouver WA

Not pictured:

Blair Curry
Kailua HI

Judith Curry
Kailua HI

Joyce Hopkinson
Auburn CA



Lisa DeRock
Princeville HI



Jon Gassaway
Beaverton OR



Patrick Howard
Tigard OR



Kim Larson
Springfield OR



Bernie Widolff
Portland OR

Congratulations!



Greg Wilson
Boise ID

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 Jean Buckley, Portland OR
 Anita Caviglia, Newberg OR
 Kathy Floyd, Seaside OR
 Duncan Frazer, Kapaa HI
 Margaret Frazer, Kapaa HI
 Bill Goerke, Truckee CA
 Chris Graf, McMinnville OR
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 Don Hilmer, Portland OR
 Doris Homan, Payette ID
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 Margaret Hughes, Redding CA

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 Mike Koonce, Redmond OR
 Jeanne Lawrence, Chico CA
 Susan McCoy, Weiser ID
 Leanna McGowan, Redding CA
 Lynn Nakkim, Pepeekeo HI
 Michelle Nurdyke, Honolulu HI
 Lucia Otto, Lake Oswego OR
 Helga Petkovich, Philomath OR
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 Robert Studley, Coquille OR
 Jim Tudor, Bend OR
 Ree Tudor, Bend OR
 Jane Waldron, Volcano HI
 Steve Weinstein, Vancouver WA

*For definitions of ranks, see
 acbl.org/masterpoints-results/
 masterpoint-ranks/*

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Jack Agresti, Medford OR
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 Barbara Butsch, Grants Pass OR
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 Randi Conway, Honolulu HI
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 William Gille, Salem OR
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 Toni Pinn, Kamuela HI
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 William Stevenson, Honolulu HI
 Debra Vanover, Lebanon OR

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 Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR
 Herbert Nakagawa, Honolulu HI
 Paul Walker, Oregon City OR

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 James Keefe, Honolulu HI
 Fax Koontz, Longview WA
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 Janet Meader, The Dalles OR

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 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
 Vicki Lester, Nevada City CA
 Ruben Paet, Kapolei HI
 Michael Schultz, Portland OR
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Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI
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 Jerold Wershba, Portland OR

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April 17-19, 2020

The Golden Clam I/N Regional

Seaside Spring Sectional

Two tournaments in one! Same time, same place!

Seaside Convention Center • 415 First Ave. • Seaside, Ore. • 97138

THE GOLDEN CLAM I/N REGIONAL GOLD & RED POINTS

For Non-Life Masters with less than 750 masterpoints

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

11 a.m. Gold Rush Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
 11 a.m. 199er Pairs (single session)
 4 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (2nd session)
 4 p.m. 199er Pairs (single session)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

10 a.m. Gold Rush Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
 10 a.m. 199er Pairs (single session)
 3 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (2nd session)
 3 p.m. 199er Pairs (single session)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10 a.m. Gold Rush Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
 10 a.m. 749er Pairs (single session)
 2:30 p.m. Gold Rush Pairs (2nd session)

GOLDEN CLAM I/N REGIONAL STRATS

Gold Rush Events: A: 300-750; B: 100-300; C: 0-100.
199er Pairs: A: 100-200; B: 50-100; C: 0-50.
749er Pairs: A: 300-750; B: 100-300; C: 0-100.

THE SEASIDE SPRING SECTIONAL SILVER POINTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

11 a.m. Sand Dollar Open Pairs (single session)
 4 p.m. Crabcakes Open Pairs (single session)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

10 a.m. Pacific Ocean Open Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
 3 p.m. Pacific Ocean Open Pairs (2nd session)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10 a.m. Gearhart Bracketed Swiss Teams
 & TBA (2-session playthrough)

SEASIDE SECTIONAL STRATS

Stratified Open Pairs: A: 2500+; B: 1250-2500; C: 0-1250.
Bracketed Swiss: Play with your peers (or can play up).

ACCOMMODATIONS CLOSE TO THE PLAYING SITE

(Ask for the bridge rate)

- ♥ **The Inn at Seaside:** 441 2nd Ave. (opposite the Conv. Ctr.) 800-699-5070
- ♠ **The Rivertide Suites:** 102 N. Holladay Dr. (riverfront ½ block) 503-717-1100
- ♦ **River Inn at Seaside:** 531 Ave A, (riverfront, 2 blocks away) 503-717-5744
 Call 1-800-444-6740 for alternative hotel accommodations

Director in Charge: Jeff Jacob
Tournament Chairs: Barbara & Jon Gustafson (970) 217-1469
barb47gus@gmail.com
Caddies: Sandra Baker

Partnership Chair: Sue Kroning (503) 738-7817, cell: (503) 739-0264
skroning@charter.net
Hospitality: Peggy Brom
I/N Coordinator: Lucy Thorstensen

Table fees: ACBL members, \$12 per session; \$16 lapsed members; \$6 under age 25; non-members require temporary membership of \$7.99.

Speakers between sessions on Friday and Saturday!



THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Upcoming sectionals

Vancouver

The Vancouver Spring Sectional will be held April 4-5 at Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 3 for details.

Eugene 299er

The Eugene 299er Sectional will be held April 10-11 at Emerald Bridge Club in Springfield OR. See ad page 17 for details.

Ontario

The Ontario Sectional will be held April 17-19 at Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario OR. See ad page 4 for details.

Redding

The Redding Spring Sectional will be held April 17-19 at Win-River Hotel & Casino in Redding CA. See ad page 4.

Seaside

The Seaside Sectional and Golden Clam I/N Regional will be held April 17-19 at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside OR. See ad page 5 for details.

McCall

The Nampa-Caldwell Spring Sectional will be held April 29-30 at Idaho First Bank in McCall ID, about 100 miles north of Boise. See ad this page for details.

Portland

The Portland Spring Sectional will be held May 29-31 at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge in Milwaukie OR. See ad this page.

Eugene

The Eugene Sectional will be held June 5-7 at Northwest Christian University in Eugene OR. See ad page 7 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Nampa-Caldwell (113 tables)

1	28.09	John Cissel, Boise ID
	28.09	Craig Jones, Boise ID
3	17.12	Duane Christensen, Boise ID
4	16.10	Carol Christensen, Boise ID
5	12.38	Ian Martindale, Boise ID
	12.38	Charlene Martindale, Boise ID
7	12.18	Clyde Coon, Boise ID
	12.18	Bill Cook, Twin Falls ID
9	11.83	Jill Wood, Meridian ID
	11.83	Bill Wood, Meridian ID
11	11.37	Jim Sherman, Boise ID
	11.37	Don Gile, Boise ID

Redding (89 tables)

1	20.48	July Ratley, Redding CA
	20.48	Garth Gregory, Chico CA
3	17.05	James Reed, Santa Rosa CA
	17.05	Carol Reed, Santa Rosa CA
5	14.57	Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
	14.57	David Wilmington, Eureka CA
7	12.50	Leslie Reynolds, McKinleyville CA
	12.50	Alden Spowles, McKinleyville CA
9	8.70	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
	8.70	Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR

Battle of the Willamette Open (54 tables)

1	12.64	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
2	11.40	Staci Christian, Lake Oswego OR
3	8.15	David Brower, Portland OR
4	6.62	Gerard Hallee, Portland OR
	6.62	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
6	6.33	Mark Tolliver, Portland OR
	6.33	Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
	6.33	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
	6.33	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA

Battle of the Willamette I/N (35 tables)

1	4.49	Richard Zier, Vancouver WA
	4.49	Joe Morgan, Vancouver WA
3	4.27	Steve Gillett, Tacoma WA
	4.27	Douglas Johnson, Gig Harbor WA
5	2.57	Paul Walker, Oregon City OR
	2.57	Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR

Corvallis I/N (33 tables)

1	3.62	Shirley Crenshaw, McMinnville OR
	3.62	Joanne Benkstein, McMinnville OR
3	3.24	Rachel Frame, McMinnville OR
	3.24	Kathleen McCrossin, McMinnville OR
5	2.85	James Vandusen, Albany OR

Vancouver Fall (118 tables)

1	19.01	David Brower, Portland OR
2	14.74	Stu Swan, Portland OR
3	12.98	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
	12.98	Gene Hval, Portland OR
5	12.02	Richard Carle, Longview WA
6	11.69	Ed Ulman, Portland OR
7	10.86	Gerard Hallee, Portland OR
	10.86	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
9	10.48	McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR
10	8.72	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
11	8.53	Ira Neyhart, Portland OR
12	8.50	Rick Prouser, Portland OR

Honolulu Sectional (97 tables)

1	19.83	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
2	15.39	Martie Wright, Honolulu HI
3	13.84	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
4	13.79	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
5	13.72	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
6	13.41	Joseph Bussen, Kailua HI
7	13.05	Ronald Wong, Honolulu HI
8	12.60	Cherilyn Young, Honolulu HI
9	11.69	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
10	11.05	Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI

Big Island I/N (17 tables)

1	3.83	William Stevenson, Honolulu HI
	3.83	Tor Thorsen, Kailua Kona HI
3	2.82	Vijay Karai, Keaau HI
	2.82	Robert Derbyshire, Keaau HI

STaC December (632 tables)

1	21.23	Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR
	21.13	Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR
3	20.81	Jack Patnode, Kula HI
4	15.12	Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
5	14.10	Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI

6	13.91	Krista Garver, Portland OR
	13.91	Brian Breckenridge, Tigard OR
8	13.43	George Boettger, Kihei HI
9	13.27	Helen Henning, Penn Valley CA
10	12.91	Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI
11	12.87	July Ratley, Redding CA
12	12.69	Judy Hotchkin, Redding CA
13	12.06	Patrick Kallaus, Holualoa HI
14	11.78	Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA
15	11.73	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
16	11.72	Michael Oechsler, Chico CA
	11.72	Ann Rickard, Chico CA
18	11.66	Chuck Burns, Vancouver WA
19	11.03	James Flint, Ashland OR
20	11.02	Gerard Hallee, Portland OR
21	10.88	Eileen Boal, Albany OR
22	10.61	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
23	10.48	Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI
24	10.44	Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA
25	10.13	Lucille Sorenson, North Bend OR
	10.13	Barry Sorenson, North Bend OR
27	9.98	Norm Hockett, Brookings OR
	9.98	Bev Hockett, Brookings OR
29	9.80	Marvin Grudem, Redding CA
30	9.76	Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA

Vancouver NLM (57 tables)

1	4.74	Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR
2	4.62	Liz Scully, Portland OR
3	4.59	Paula Koeller, Portland OR
	4.59	Kathleen Hart, Portland OR
5	3.97	Karen Stone, Portland OR
6	3.67	Nikolay Ryzhenko, Beaverton OR
	3.67	Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR
	3.67	Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR

Garden Island (52 tables)

1	16.32	Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA
	16.32	Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA
3	10.26	Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI
4	9.77	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
	9.77	Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
6	8.21	Loring Harkness III, Kilauea HI
7	7.53	Mary Phillips, Honolulu HI

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Nampa-Caldwell Spring Sectional

April 29-30, 2020

Idaho First Bank
475 E. Deinhard Ln.
McCall, ID 83638
(208) 634-1000



Wednesday, April 29, 2020

- Stratified Open Pairs – 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Single Sessions)
- Single Session 199ers (if attendance allows) – 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 2020

- Stratified Swiss Teams – 10 a.m. (2 Session Play Through) (Six 7-Board Matches - Victory Points)

Master point Ranges: A = 1000+; B = 300-1000; C = 0-300

Stratification: By average masterpoints, pairs & team games

Entry Fees:

- Wednesday:
 - \$10 per person (ACBL members)
 - \$14 per person (lapsed ACBL members)
- Thursday - \$100 per team – Includes Lunch!

Information

Chair: Anita Hansen, (208) 697-9435
Co-chair: Duane Christensen, (208) 362-6553
Partnerships: Duane Christensen, (208) 362-6553
McCall Partnerships: Ruth Bingaman, (208) 634-5622
Tournament Director: Duane Christensen

No fragrances please

PORTLAND SPRING SECTIONAL

May 29-31, 2020

Site:

Milwaukie-Portland Elks Club
Lodge 0142
13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Oak Grove, OR 97222
503-654-9588
One block past end of
Milwaukie MAX line

All open pair strats:

A=2000+
B=750-2000
C=0-750

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

Friday, May 29, 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Limited Pairs (0-750, Stratified)
Novice Pairs (0-100, Stratified,
of tables permitting)

Saturday, May 30, 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Limited Pairs (0-750, Stratified)
Novice Pairs (0-100, Stratified,
of tables permitting)

SUNDAY, May 31, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams, VPs
(Unlimited/4000/2500)
Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss Teams, VPs
One Session Teams (Non-LM, 0-500),
Win/Loss
Stratified Open Pairs, single session
Note: All pair games are single session.
Please bring your own coffee cup; no
scents or perfume.



FREE Coffee & Snacks

ACBL players (0-5)
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 \$12 per session. \$16 for lapsed ACBL members. Sanction #S2005379
 \$5 for students under age 26 with student I.D. and ACBL membership

Play of the Hand

Larceny at bridge is legal

Larceny doesn't always pay off in bridge, but when it does, it's very satisfying.

If North had doubled and then simply raised spades, it would have shown a strong hand. But when he jumped in spades, it showed a crusher. It said, "Partner, if you have anything at all, even a pittance, take me to game."

South, with an outside ace, bid the game.

After West led the ♣A, felling his partner's jack, he wasn't sure whether East had

one or two; they were playing standard carding. If it is a singleton, there's a chance for an overruff if declarer is careless. If it's not a singleton, no harm done.

So, he leads a second club, the king. Declarer, in a matchpoint game, ruffs with dummy's 9, hoping to make 11 tricks, not 10. And East discards a heart!

Well, South thinks, isn't that interesting. West just gave away the fact that he holds the queen of trumps. So careless of him.

South already has a pretty good count on the hand and is sure that East didn't have a singleton heart. And he knows the heart finesse will probably fail because West needs the king for his opening bid. So, he leads a heart to his ace, and runs the ♠J through West's "known" queen.

Surprise! East takes the queen, shoots back his last heart to partner's king, who promptly returns a heart for East to ruff with the ♠8. Down one!

When dummy was tabled, East did what all bridge players should do: he planned

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

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

♠J 5 4 3
 ♥A 10 9
 ♦10 6
 ♣10 6 5 4

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

how to play to each suit led. Looking at dummy's power, he sees no chance for more than perhaps a club, a club ruff, and a heart for their side. Thus, the only chance to set the contract is to lead declarer astray.

Kudos to East for some creative play.

But no kudos to South. When East sluffs a heart on the second club instead of overruffing dummy, declarer can afford to cash one top trump before going to his hand to finesse for the queen. Even if East is void in spades, declarer can get back to his hand with a heart (after West takes his ♥K) and repeat the spade finesse.

If East follows to the first spade, declarer can come to his hand for the "marked" finesse. When tricky East wins the second spade with the ♠Q, he's now out of spades and can't ruff a heart; the contract makes.

Remember: at the bridge table, trust your partner, but don't trust the opponents.

Jim Flint can be reached at pubathome@yahoo.com.



Jim Flint
Play of the Hand

NAP/GNT

GNTs offer gold points

The **Grand National Teams** finals are coming up April 25-26 for the open and B teams and May 3-4 for the A and C teams.

These events offer players a chance to play against others of similar skill from across D20 and to win the right to represent D20 at the national championships this July in Montreal as well as earn serious points in the district competition.

The ACBL allows two teams in each of the B and C flights to represent us as long as we have eight or more teams in our finals. I hope folks will play in our online finals. Individuals or pairs may contact me for help in forming teams and finding venues where they can play.

The GNTs sound prestigious and intimidating, but these events are really designed to give our emerging players a chance to win gold and red points by competing in a grass roots national championship starting at the local level. All overall places pay in gold points, except C, which is half gold and half red. You can win 48 gold points in the open, 27 gold in A, 22.5 gold in B, and 15 half and half in C.

You don't have to commit to playing at the nationals in order to play in our district finals. We want players to play to gain experience in competing. We want players to play and have fun.

These events are Swiss teams format. We have scheduled the events so most players can compete in two flights if they wish. You can play in as many flights as you are eligible for.

All flight C players are eligible to compete in our flight C district finals. To be eligible to compete in the A or B district finals all you have to do is play in a qualifying game at a club. To be eligible for the open finals you have to score in the top 90% of a club qualifying game. There are exceptions to qualifying at the clubs. If you have any questions regarding exceptions, please contact me.

The ACBL has passed a new rule which affects our district. Last year's winner in flight A, **Gerry Hallee**, is not eligible to defend his championship. Because he has won an NABC+ championship, he can play only in open games.

Hal Montgomery can be reached at dewitt@imaginata.com.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

Milestones

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SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
 Marcia Heitkemper, Portland OR

DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS

Samuel Asai, Hood River OR



Eugene Sectional

JUNE 5-7, 2020

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Saturday, June 6

- 10 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
- 3 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
- Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)

Sunday, June 7

- 10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
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Barbara Seagram is the co-author of 26 published bridge books, including "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." She was also named #40 on the list of top 52 bridge personalities that have most influenced the game.

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JUNIOR U.S. BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

King Louis to play in Junior World Championships

By Louis Beauchet
The Trumpet



USA2: Louis Beauchet, Hakan Berk, Isaac Stephani, David Soukup, Nolan Chang

After over four years declining every chance to play with the Juniors, I finally did it! Everything started at the 2019 summer nationals in Las Vegas. A guy named **Isaac Stephani** came up to me and asked me if I wanted to join his team for the junior trials to be held at the end of the year. Isaac is among the best junior players in the country and I was honored by his offer. After briefly thinking about it, I decided to give it a try and see what it is like to play junior bridge.

We eventually settled with a five-man team of **Nolan Chang, Hakan Berk, David Soukup, Isaac** and myself. Hakan and David had been playing together for many years and had already done extremely well in junior events. As for Nolan, his low masterpoint total was a huge understatement of his great playing skills. The plan was for Isaac, Nolan and I to rotate, while Hakan and David would mostly play together.

Practice started on BBO in August, with the help of our coach, **Dave Caprera**, as well as a team of coaches and mentors who devote lots of time for Junior bridge. The junior program is led by **Michael and Debbie Rosenberg**, who have done a great job promoting junior bridge and allowing juniors to receive advice from the best of the best.

And then came the trials. Taking place over five days right after Christmas in Atlanta, the Junior U.S. Bridge Championships were going to determine which teams would represent the USA at the 2020 Junior World Championships. There were four categories: under 16, under 21,

under 26 and under 26 girls. My team was competing in the under 26 category where the competition was the toughest. Nine teams entered, only two would qualify. Since one team was by far the favorite to become USA1, the other eight were pretty much competing for the USA2 spot.

Day 1: On the first day, we played one six-board match against every other team. The format was brutal, since one board could swing the entire match. I sat out the first match and played the other seven, with poor results overall. At the end of the day, we were sitting seventh and our confidence wasn't at its highest level.

Day 2: The bottom five teams after the first day were playing another Swiss Team event on day two, and the top four would advance to the quarterfinal for USA2. That one went much better for us and our team started to find some momentum. We won three matches handily and lost one by a small margin to advance easily.

Day 3: The interesting part started, the KO phase. In this quarterfinal match, we played 60 boards against team Wolff, a very strong team who beat us during every practice match. I played the first quarter and despite going minus 590 on the very

first board, a strong finish allowed us to be up by 26. I sat out during the second quarter and my teammates had a close set, after which we were still up by 25.

Things started to turn around in the evening. We played the final 30 boards on vugraph, something I had never done before. I started to feel pressure and lost focus on several hands, going down an extra trick in a doubled contract that cost us 9 IMPs and using poor judgment during the bidding. Still, there were a few high-lights. On one hand my partner and I reached 6♥ in three bids and got doubled by my RHO who held three aces. Unfortunately for him, only one of them cashed and we scored +1660.

Towards the end, things started to go really badly and I thought we would be eliminated. On the very last hand, I forgot a bidding agreement and got to an awful 4♥ contract. Luckily, it wasn't vulnerable nor doubled, so when I went down five, it was only minus 250. The comparison was very tense. We won by a single IMP, 141 to 140.

Day 4: On to the semifinal. We played another strong team, using a strong club system. The first quarter was very tight, with great bridge played by everyone. The

next two quarters, however, went like a dream. My partner and I had suddenly become invincible. We didn't have a single bad result, took advantage of small mistakes from the opponents, reached good contracts, defended spotlessly, and got lucky on a few hands. With one quarter to go, we found ourselves up by 99. I sat out for the last quarter and watched my teammates peacefully secure our spot in the final. One great hand from the semifinal match, to test your bidding judgment: Both sides are vulnerable and RHO opens 1♥ in third seat. You hold:

♠K Q 4 ♥K 7 ♦K Q J 10 7 ♣A 10 2

I started with a double, because the hand is too strong for 1NT and I had only one heart stopper. LHO bid 2♦, showing a good 2♥ raise. Partner came in with 3♣ and RHO passed. Lots of points in this deck, but this is normal in junior bridge.

I could just bid 3NT, but where are my tricks coming from once the heart stopper is dislodged? Instead I bid 3♥, hoping to learn more. Partner retreated to 4♣, his weakest bid. I usually play fast, but here I must have spent almost two minutes thinking. Finally, I passed, with an uneasy feeling. What if we had missed a vulnerable game? But pass was the winning call. Partner held:

♠9 5 ♥8 4 2 ♦3 2 ♣K Q J 8 7 5

With three aces to lose, partner made exactly 4♣ and 3NT went down two at the other table.

Day 5: So here we are, playing in the final, where 60 boards would decide who would go to the world championships. For the first time, I would play all four quarters.

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ACBL District 20 Grand National Teams 2020 Finals

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District Finals

All matches will be played online with BBO at various locations throughout District 20. Preregistration is required; registration deadline is April 19 for Flight A; April 14 for Flight B; April 20 for Flight C (see conditions online for details)!

Flight	MP limits	Day and date
Championship	Unlimited	Sat./Sun. April 25-26
Flight A	Under 6,000	Sat., May 2
Flight B	Under 2,500	Sun., April 26
Flight C	NLM (<500)	Sun., May 3

Flights A, B, C: Round Robin or Swiss Teams format; all flights compete in two session per day - the first at 11 a.m. PDT, the 2nd TBA.

Gold points are given to overall placers; red points for match wins.

National Finals

Winning teams advance to the GNT National Finals against the other district finalists and receive a travel subsidy from D20 including amounts from Grass Roots Funds distributions. Subsidies are based on the number of teams entered in each flight. The National Finals will be held at the Summer NABCs at the Montreal Convention Center in Montreal, Quebec.

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2007001>

Need more information?

The ACBL Conditions of Contest is available online at:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2019-20.pdf>

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY May 11

7 p.m.Black Butte Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 1 & 7 Tuesday)
 7 p.m.Stratified Open Charity Pairs (part of Deschutes River Side Game Series) (1 of 5)
 7 p.m.♦299er Stratified Charity Pairs

TUESDAY May 12

9 a.m.High Desert Side Game Series (1 of 5)
 9 a.m.Morning Stratified Swiss Teams (second session on Wednesday at 9am)
 1 & 7 p.m.Broken Top Bracketed Swiss
 1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs
 1 & 7 p.m.♦Gold Rush Pairs
 1 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (2 of 5)
 1 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs
 7 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (3 of 5)
 7 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs

WEDNESDAY May 13

9 a.m.High Desert Side Game Series (2 of 5)
 1 p.m.Mount Bachelor Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 Thursday)
 1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs
 1 & 7 p.m.♦Gold Rush Pairs
 1 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (4 of 5)
 1 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
 7 p.m. ..Deschutes River Side Game Series (5 of 5)
 7 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs

- 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 in side game series to qualify for session and overall gold points.

THURSDAY May 14

9 a.m.Mount Jefferson Compact KOs (winners continue on Friday at 9)
 9 a.m.High Desert Side Game Series (3 of 5)
 1 & 7 p.m. ..High Desert Museum Bracketed Swiss
 1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs
 1 & 7 p.m.♦Gold Rush Pairs
 1 p.m.Bend Side Game Series (1 of 6)
 1 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs
 7 p.m.Bend Side Game Series (2 of 6)

FRIDAY May 15

9 a.m.High Desert Side Game Series (4 of 5)
 1 p.m.Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 Saturday)
 1 & 7 p.m.Stratified Open Pairs
 1 & 7 p.m.♦Gold Rush Pairs
 1 p.m.Bend Side Game Series (3 of 6)
 1 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
 7 p.m.Bend Side Game Series (4 of 6)

SATURDAY May 16

9 a.m.High Desert Side Game Series (5 of 5)
 1 & 7 p.m.Three Sisters Compact KOs (winners continue at 7)
 1 & 7 p.m.Stratified Open Pairs
 1 & 7 p.m.♦Gold Rush Pairs
 1 p.m.Bend Side Game Series (5 of 6)
 1 p.m.♦299er Stratified Pairs
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams
 7 p.m.Bend Side Game Series (6 of 6)

SUNDAY MAY 17

10 a.m. & TBAStrati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams
 10 a.m. & TBABracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
 10 a.m. & TBAFast Pairs

STRATIFICATIONS

Stratified Open Events

Open/2000/750

Three Strat Open Pairs

Open/3000/1500

♦ **Gold Rush Pairs (Under 750)**

750/300/200

♦ **299er Events (Under 300)**

300/100/50

Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams

Open/4000/2500

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams

0-2000 (no player over 2000 mps); teams play in small groups by masterpoint average; gold points in each bracket. (20 VP).

♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) event.

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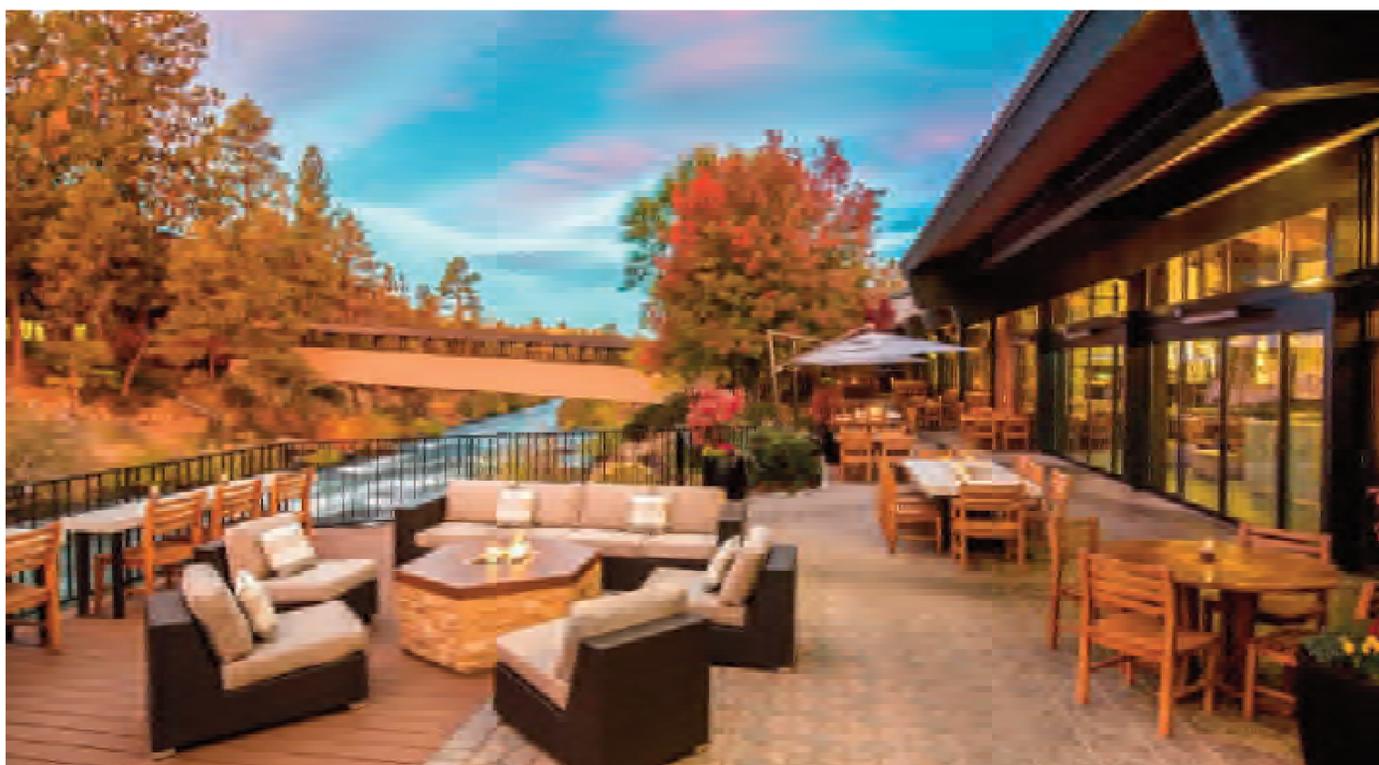
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TABLE FEES

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New venue this year at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend, Ore.

A different kind of discovery play

By Mark Tolliver
For the Trumpet

One basic tool we learn to use as we develop as players is the “discovery play.” It takes many forms. Sometimes we play out a hand to discover the opponents’ distribution prior to making a key decision in a certain suit. Sometimes we play out a hand to find the high cards that both opponents have before making the play that will determine the success of the contract.

Many books we read tell us that these discovery plays are the hallmark of great players and we should do the same.

Look what happened on this hand from the Portland regional:

♠ J 10 7 3
♥ A Q 8 7 5
♦ K
♣ 10 7 5

♠ A K 9 8
♥ K 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q J 9 8

West	North	East	South
Raj Garg	Pro	Tolliver	Junior
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The South player was a top junior playing with a very strong player (his mentor). The opponents quickly bid their way to 4♣. My partner led a diamond and I won dummy’s stiff king with my ace. I shifted to a low club and declarer played the jack.

My partner won the ♣K and returned a club to my ace. I played a third round, hoping my partner could ruff but alas, he could not.

It was here that the top junior started thinking. He just saw me show up with two aces, but I was a passed hand. That meant I might have one more queen but I certainly wouldn’t have two queens along with two aces and pass in opening seat. He made what should have been a very clever play. He led the ♦J. My partner played the 10 without the slightest hesitation. Declarer knew he had discovered exactly what he needed to give himself his best chance to make the contract. He ruffed the ♦J and knowing that I had to have the ♦Q, I simply could not have the ♠Q. He played the ♠AK hoping to drop the queen. Pretty smart, wouldn’t you say?

Here was the full hand:

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

Well, declarer deserves credit for his thoughtful play but unfortunately for him, he was up against **Raj Garg**. Raj saw that the ♦J posed no threat. He didn’t need to cover because declarer was surely going to ruff in dummy, after all what use would pitching the fifth heart be? He foresaw this and was able to make the deceptive play of the ♦10 in perfect tempo. Declarer was convinced that anyone with both the queen and 10 would reflexively cover the jack, so he was certain that East (me) held that queen and therefore I could not have the ♠Q.

I guess this was another form of discovery play. Declarer discovered that Raj was a far better player than he imagined!

Goodwill: Three honored for cordiality, contributions



Dave Brower, George Crawford and Kathy Mather are District 20’s newest members of the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

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“He is not just interested in the success of his club, he also is interested in the success and continuation of the game itself, and that includes supporting other clubs in the area and the unit as much as is possible,” Wiegand said.

Fellow player Heather Dolan agrees, saying Brower is passionate about growing and teaching the game.

“His eyes light up when given the opportunity to help,” she says. “Whether someone is trying to puzzle out a line of play or a new convention or just learning to take a finesse, he is thrilled to help.”

What sparked this desire to help others learn the game? According to Brower, he’s never been as competitive in bridge as others.

“I have come to think of bridge as a cooperative crossword puzzle. You don’t win a crossword puzzle, you merely solve the puzzle,” he said.

The same was true when Brower was in school.

“I was teaching people in my math classes since I was in Grade 1 or 2,” he says. “I would get the problems done quickly and then wander around and help my fellow students. I have always enjoyed helping people.”

Brower’s personality is so infectious, he makes an impression on most who cross his path, including Dolan, who had a rather interesting and distinct first impression when she met him a little over two years ago.

“I clearly remember thinking that he was so warm and welcoming that I could just crawl up in his lap and fall asleep and nothing untoward would happen to me,” she says. “That opinion has not changed.”

Wiegand has called Brower a great big teddy bear. “He has a huge hug for anyone who asks, and his laugh is simply infectious,” Wiegand says. “The times he gets in trouble at bridge tournaments is when he is being shushed for having too much of a good time at the table.”

When asked what he would say to those who nominated him, Brower simply states: “Thank you, and I hope that I contribute to their enjoyment of the game, because I have so much fun with it myself.”

George Crawford

Crawford is known for his sense of humor, vast knowledge, and willingness to lend a hand when needed. Nancy Crawford met her husband-to-be at the club 25 years ago.

“Our first date we met at the Ace of Clubs and played in John Ashton’s game,” Nancy said. “I had never played duplicate and George had taken one lesson from Laverne Kittleson. On our third attempt at duplicate we discovered Irene Pickett’s game, which was more geared to newer players. With lessons from Irene and Tony Glynne, we managed to learn some basic conventions and became a part of the Portland bridge community.”

Nancy describes George as a very kind and thoughtful. “Some of his puns are groaners and some are hysterical,” she says. “He is generous with his time at the Ace of Clubs and as a past member of the unit board.”

Leslie Kelinson, a friend of more than 20 years, says George is kind to everyone he meets.

“He is very nice, never has an unkind word,” Kelinson says. “He is always helpful to anybody who requires assistance. He always is willing to drive to the club to fill in, usually at the last moment.”

When asked what makes him want to go above and beyond for his bridge community, George says he likes playing and any chance to help out. George has been playing duplicate bridge for 25 years.

“In 1993 I played a little kitchen bridge with friends, and then when I met Nancy, we started playing duplicate because it involved more bridge and less gossip,” George says. “Duplicate also allows a chance to learn and improve.”

“George is always generous with his time, helping mentor some less experienced players in the last 10 years,” Nancy says. But it’s his patience with his partners that Nancy considers one of his finer qualities.

“He is still growing his knowledge of the game. He is respectful of others. If he mentions a book and someone indicates an interest, he will often loan them his copy.”

Kathy Mather

Mather has served as volunteer bookkeeper, bill payer, unit treasurer, and unit president.

Fellow player Mariam Saner says she has always seen Mather as the perfect role model for all players, as well as a strong leader in the club.

“For unit sectionals, she coordinates with ACBL, serves as caddy master, and works with directors to finalize the finances,” Saner said. “For the club, she

prepares the annual calendar to ensure that all games meet ACBL requirements. For the district, she is caddy master for the Oregon Trail Regional.”

Rich Carle, who has known Mather for more than 15 years, says she has been instrumental in developing and publishing the disciplinary process.

“Kathy has been treasurer for most of the time I’ve known her, serving either on the unit board or just as an appointed officer under several different administrations,” Carle says.

“She has taken on the job of writing and maintaining the VBC operations manual so that new officers know what to expect. In addition, she has been the financial guru for all of the unit tournaments, plus more recently for the D20 STaCs,” he said.

Carle says she’s also managed the club’s janitorial service and attends to other services such as building maintenance and phone service.

“She is generally the go-to person for any problems at the club,” Carle said. “She keeps meticulous records, so she can answer any question about past actions or decisions. And she does it all with style and grace.”

Friend and fellow player Janie Percy agrees, calling Mather “the heart of VBC.” Percy says they became friends after meeting at the bridge table.

“I had a New Year’s Eve party at the end of 2004, and I invited her and Jim,” Percy said. “We began playing about a year later, and she remains one of my favorite partners.”

Percy says Mather, because of her experience, is the person who trains new board members.

So why does Mather choose to so willingly give her free time to the bridge community?

“It is important to give back to an organization that provides the opportunity for me to enjoy the game I love,” she says. “Volunteers make many of the activities possible. I am happy to contribute my time.”

“Kathy is confident but not overbearing,” Carle added. “She will talk to everyone pleasantly and offer her opinion when asked. She gets things done by getting along with all in her sphere — tournament directors, event sponsors, venue management, and the many volunteers and workers.”

While everyone around her can see why she deserves this award, Mather herself was surprised to get the news.

“I had no idea I was being considered for this award. It is a great honor, and I’m proud to be a member of this group,” she says.

Jen Smith is a writer based in Austin, Texas. She has been writing for *The Trumpet* since 2013.

San Francisco

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was IC in the Saturday evening side game.

In 299er events, Hawaiians **David Ouyang** and **Herbert Nakagama** won games on the first and last days of the tournament, and Portlanders **Fran Allen** and **Carina Cassim** won the penultimate afternoon.

Vilhauer: New system for reporting club results working

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Through cost cutting at tournaments and headquarters, the ACBL is trying to do more with less. It's a good trend which both the board of directors and all of the ACBL staff have worked really hard to accomplish.

Board actions

The board elected Georgia Heth president. She's from District 8 in southern Illinois and a longtime serving board member. Georgia will do a great job guiding the board in 2020.



Georgia Heth
2020 ACBL president

The main item on the agenda was board reorganization. A plan was presented to reduce the board from 25 to 13-15 members. In several cases, two districts would be combined for purposes of board representation

only, and one person would represent both districts. The districts would remain "separate" for tournaments and grass roots events.

The proposal included combining District 20 with District 21 (Bay Area). The representative would be voted on by all local unit members. This is a bylaw change so it required two-thirds majority (17 out of 25). After much discussion, it failed with a 15-10 favorable vote. I voted for the motion because I feel the board is under a lot of pressure to downsize and save money. Many members voting no liked the idea but thought it was not correctly structured. The item is on the agenda for the next NABC.

One of the important things at the club level is reporting all the club results to Live For Clubs. This is required as of Feb. 1, and seems to be working well.

The ACBL has raised the sanction fees to cover the increase in directors' pay and will be implemented in the next

year. It has been difficult to get directors when pay is inadequate for the skills required and amount of work done at tournaments.

The remaining motions can be seen in the minutes on acbl.org.

We have three more regionals this year — in Bend, Boise and Seaside. Make your plans now.

Thank you for letting me be your district director. Being your representative offered me an opportunity to meet many players from our area and from across the U.S., definitely the highlight of my years of service.

I would also like to thank my wife, Marilyn, for all the help and support she has given me. She made the job much easier. Now it's time to say, good luck, Laurie.

See you at the tables.

Merlin Vilhauer has completed his three terms as District 20 director. We thank him for his service.

World-class defense

Handle this trump break from San Francisco deal

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

Huib Bertens was District 20's top-ranked player for a few years when he lived in Bend, with two NABC titles and two European championships. At the San Francisco NABC, he was playing with Curtis Cheek in a regional Swiss teams when he found a remarkable defense on this deal.

♠ Q 10 4
♥ 7 6
♦ A Q J 9 3
♣ A K J

♠ A K 9 7
♥ 9 4
♦ K 7 6 5
♣ 8 6 2

West Bertens	North Dbl	East Cheek	South
1♥		Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Declarer got to 4♣ in the awkward Moysian fit. On lead, Bertens played the ♥A K Q. You ruff the third one in dummy, pitching a diamond. If spades are 3-3, you can take the rest of the tricks. Even if they're 4-2, you have the good spots, so you can still pull trump and run the diamonds.

But when you cash the ♠Q, the ♠J falls from West. Now what? If spades are 5-1, you'll lose control of the hand if you try to pull trump. To protect against that, declarer decides to cash some diamond winners, waiting for East to ruff and shorten his trump length. But on the second diamond, West ruffs!

Back comes a fourth heart. You ruff with dummy's last spade and pitch your last diamond, as does East. These cards remain:

♠ —
♥ —
♦ Q J 9
♣ A K J

♠ A K 9
♥ —
♦ —
♣ 8 6 2

It was annoying for West to turn up with a second trump. Assuming he was 2=6=1=4, it looks like the contract is still safe. You can once again play winning diamonds from dummy, planning to discard clubs, and if East ruffs, he'll be ruffing in front of you. You can overruff, pull his last two trump and reach the good cards in dummy.

You play the ♦Q and East discards a club. You also pitch a club and surprise: West ruffs again!

Spades were 3-3 all along. Declarer was destined to make five, but Bertens managed to score his two little trumps for down one. The drop of the ♠J turned an easy hand into a minefield.

Dlr: West ♠ Q 10 4
Vul: Both ♥ 7 6
♦ A Q J 9 3
♣ A K J

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

♠ A K 9 7
♥ 9 4
♦ K 7 6 5
♣ 8 6 2

What happened to the Holmes Trophy?

By John Ashton
The Trumpet

When I arrived in Portland in 1971, one of the most respected awards in Portland bridge was the Harrison Holmes Trophy, which was given to the local player who won the most masterpoints in that year's Oregon Trail Regional. The list of names of past winners, most of whom I can no longer remember, was like a Who's Who of the game's history in the Rose City.

I was the winner in either 1973 when I garnered 70.57 points or, more likely, in 1976 when I won 88.05. I was, to borrow a phrase from Tony Glynne, over the moon.

I also have a vague memory of winning in 1985 with a total of 101.75. My relationship with the ACBL was at a career low, and I was club manager for the Ace of Clubs, then owned by Barbara Whitesel.

The ACBL website maintains the masterpoint lists from 2004 through 2020. High local winners for those years were:

- 2004 Marc Zwerling
- 2005 Roger McNay
- 2006 Ross Rainwater, Jackie Jarigese
- 2007 Don Housley
- 2008 Jim Elliott
- 2009 Hendrik Sharples
- 2010 Roger McNay, Eric Stoltz
- 2011 Hal Montgomery
- 2012 Hal Montgomery
- 2013 John Lusky, Randy Pickett
- 2014 John Lusky, Randy Pickett, Dennis Metcalf
- 2015 John Ashton
- 2016 Jim Elliott, John Ashton, Eric Stoltz
- 2017 Ethel Birnbach
- 2018 Hal Montgomery
- 2019 Jim Elliott Marc Zwerling
- 2020 John Ashton

My ego will not allow me to ignore that, in my mind at least, I hold the record for years between first and most recent triumph — either 47 or 44 years — and I am the only individual winner in four different decades.

I always considered Hank Gagnon to be the District 20 historian and wonder if he left notes with anyone. All memories that might fill in the obvious void from the late '80s to 2003 or information of the location or the sad demise of the trophy would be appreciated.

John Lusky has some helpful descriptive information.

"After I won the trophy a couple of times and it spent two years on our living room mantlepiece," Lusky said, "my wife decreed that if I won again, 'that hideous thing' would not be returning to our house.

"For those who do not remember, the trophy showed a disembodied hand holding 13 cards."

Juniors: Winning the USA2 final

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The first quarter was very close, with one fun hand where my partner and I took six trump tricks on defense against a slam, another 250 score. After the first 15 boards, we were down by 8. But just like in the semifinal, things started to go our way in the second segment. My teammates bid to a 25% slam that made, our opponents misguessed a jack and went down in a vulnerable game, we made a doubled game with 15 combined HCP after my LHO misdefended out of frustration. A perfect combination of good breaks and good bridge allowed us to be up by 20 at the half. We also sensed that our opponents were losing their confidence, a key element in winning bridge.

The third set also went well for us. Take this hand for example:

♠A Q 10 6 ♥Q J 9 3 ♦A 10 6 2 ♣10

With both sides vulnerable, my RHO opened a Precision 1♦ (could be short). Not willing to double with a singleton club, I overcalled 1♠. Partner bid 2♦ (good spade raise), I rebid 2♥, he bid 2♠ and I made one more try with 2NT. Partner now jumped to 4♣, closing the auction.

LHO led a diamond and I caught a perfect dummy:

♠K 7 5 3 2 ♥10 4 2 ♦K Q J ♣9 3

I won the opening lead, pulled trumps, and conceded two hearts and a club, +620. At the other table, my teammate opened 1♣ (playing 2/1) and 4♣ also became the final contract, but from the other side. My teammate led the ♣A and, looking at dummy, had no trouble finding the heart shift. With hearts 4-2, they got a ruff, taking the first four tricks, +100 and winning 12 IMPs.

We also used suction against their strong club with great success several times. On one hand we were allowed to play 3♦ down one when they were cold for 4♠, winning 11 IMPs. We compared and found ourselves up by 48 with 15 boards to go. The goal by then was simply not to get crazy and be consistent. We had a nice cushion. The final quarter proved to be the least exciting of all and we ended up winning the match easily.

It was a great experience. We were extremely happy with our performance and are looking forward to being USA2 at the 2020 Junior World Championships, which will be held in Italy in August. Ciao!

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Portland (245 tables)

- 1 26.13 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 2 25.33 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 3 24.80 Gerard Hallee, Portland OR
- 4 23.99 Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR
- 23.99 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 6 23.24 J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
- 7 21.49 Raj Garg, Portland OR
- 8 19.82 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 19.82 John Sather, Ridgefield WA
- 10 19.69 Heather Dolan, Beaverton OR
- 11 19.15 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 12 18.31 Sandra Lawrence, West Linn OR
- 13 14.62 Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 14 13.33 Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
- 15 12.82 David Green, Sherwood OR
- 16 12.12 Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA
- 12.12 Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
- 18 12.04 Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR
- 19 11.85 Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 20 11.45 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR
- 21 10.86 Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
- 22 10.71 Marc Zwerling, Portland OR
- 23 10.40 Stu Swan, Portland OR
- 10.40 Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR
- 25 10.31 Nancy Swanson, Portland OR

Pacific States STaC (993 tables)

- 1 21.73 Brian Breckenridge, Tigard OR
- 2 19.38 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 3 19.38 Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA
- 4 19.29 Gerard Hallee, Portland OR
- 5 18.18 Brenda Mathews, Kamloops BC
- 6 17.32 Rose Garritsen, Toronto ON

- 17.32 John Garritsen, Toronto ON
- 8 17.01 Judy Hotchkyn, Redding CA
- 9 16.49 Chris Poulos, Eugene OR
- 10 14.99 Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 11 14.99 Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 12 14.90 Catherine Creer, Spokane WA
- 13 14.30 July Ratley, Redding CA
- 14 14.23 George Boettger, Kihei HI
- 14.23 Carole Schmitz, Eugene OR
- 16 13.83 Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
- 17 13.81 Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI
- 18 13.61 Marty O'Malley, Pullman WA
- 13.61 Kathy O'Malley, Pullman WA
- 20 13.47 Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
- 13.47 Leigh Castoldi, Renton WA
- 22 13.22 Ken Ramage, Blodgett OR
- 13.22 Kathi Downing, Blodgett OR
- 24 12.89 Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
- 25 12.68 Lea Rogers, Spokane WA
- 26 12.66 Rich Carle, Longview WA
- 27 12.56 Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR
- 28 12.42 Margaret Roy, Creston BC
- 12.42 Joe Schlapsi, Creston BC
- 30 12.31 Krista Garver, Portland OR
- 31 12.11 Don Marsh, Eugene OR
- 32 12.09 Helen Parkyn, Kamloops BC
- 33 11.98 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 34 11.81 Patrick Kallaus, Holualoa HI
- 11.81 Bob Heller, Knoxville TN
- 36 11.27 Irva Neyhart, Portland OR
- 37 11.07 Winnie Henggeler, Fruitland ID
- 38 10.88 Charles Bennett, Spokane WA
- 39 10.77 Nancy Palmer, Roseburg OR
- 40 10.39 Margaret Murison, Vernon BC
- 41 10.36 Loring Harkness, Kilauea HI



SCHEDULE

MONDAY JULY 27

- 7 p.m. Snake River Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 1 & 7pm on Tuesday)
- 7 p.m. Stratified Open Charity Pairs
(part of Nampa Evening Side Game Series) (1 of 5)
- 7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

TUESDAY JULY 28

- 9 a.m. Hells Canyon Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 9am on Wednesday & Thursday)
- 9 a.m. Caldwell Morning Side Game Series (1 of 3)
- 1 & 7 p.m. Shoshone Bracketed Swiss Teams
- 1 & 7 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
- 1 p.m. Boise Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 3)
- 1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
- 7 p.m. Nampa Evening Side Game Series (2 of 5)

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

- 9 a.m. Caldwell Morning Side Game Series (2 of 3)
- 1 p.m. Treasure Valley Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 7pm; and at 1 & 7pm on Thursday)
- 1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
- 1 & 7 p.m. ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 1 p.m. Boise Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 3)
- 1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
- 7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
- 7 p.m. Nampa Evening Side Game Series (3 of 5)

THURSDAY JULY 30

- 9 a.m. Caldwell Morning Side Game Series (3 of 3)
- 1 & 7 p.m. Sawtooth Bracketed Swiss Teams
- 1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
- 1 & 7 p.m. ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 1 p.m. Boise Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 3)
- 1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
- 7 p.m. Nampa Evening Side Game Series (4 of 5)

FRIDAY JULY 31

- 10:30 a.m. Lewis & Clark Weekend Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 3:30pm; & at 10:30 am & 3:30 pm on Sat.)
- 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
- 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 10:30 a.m. Ontario Weekend Side Game Series (1 of 4)
- 10:30 a.m. ♦ 199er Stratified Pairs
- 3:30 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
- 3:30 p.m. Ontario Weekend Side Game Series (2 of 4)
- 7:30 p.m. Nampa Evening Side Game Series (5 of 5)

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

- 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
- 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
- 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. ♦ Gold Rush Pairs
- 10:30 a.m. Ontario Weekend Side Game Series (3 of 4)
- 3:30 p.m. Ontario Weekend Side Game Series (4 of 4)

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

- 9:30 a.m. & TBA..... Bracketed Swiss Teams
On the road by 5 p.m.

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Bracketed Swiss Teams: Players play in small groups by MP average; gold points in each bracket. (20 VP)
- 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 section top & overall gold points.
- ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) events.
- ♦ Speakers, Mini-lessons, Prize Beads, Party!

Table fees: ACBL members, \$13 per session; \$17 lapsed members; under age 26, \$5

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RESERVATIONS: Find online reservation link at acbl20.org.

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STRATIFICATIONS

- Stratified Open Events
Open/2500/750
- Morning Side Game Series
Open/1500/500
- Three Strat Open Pairs
Open/3000/1500
- ♦ Gold Rush Pairs (Under 750)
750/300/200
- ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (Under 300)
300/200/100
- ♦ 199er Stratified Pairs (Under 200)
200/100/50



SPECIAL EVENT!

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for Intermediate/Advanced players
July 28, 29 & 30
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the D20 website
www.ACBLD20.org

District 20 Mini-McKenney winners for 2019



Bill Stevenson



Jeanne Lawrence



Joe Morgan



David Ouyang



Paul Walker



Brenda Biermann



Heather Dolan



Sandy Syrett



Louis Beauchet



Amy Casanova

0-5

1. **Bill Stevenson**, Honolulu HI 62
2. Steve Weinstein, Vancouver WA 53
3. Michelle Nurdyke, Honolulu HI 45
4. Michael Keeney, Salem OR 41
5. Mary Gilbert, Beaverton OR 33
6. Nancy Berwick, Portland OR 31
7. Emilio Berwick, Portland OR 31
8. Pat Pearlman, Holualoa HI 30
9. Sandra Emmons, Newberg OR 30
10. Anita Caviglia, Newberg OR 29

5-20

1. **Jeanne Lawrence**, Chico CA 53
2. Chuck Lunson, Aiea HI 52
3. Steve Parker, Portland OR 42
4. Thomas Ahern, Wilsonville OR 41
5. Susan Circone, Lake Oswego OR 39
6. Larry Zgonc, Boise ID 37
7. Susan McCoy, Weiser ID 34
8. Thomas Davis, Nevada City CA 32
9. Nikki Blum, Redding CA 27
10. Mary Sewell, Portland OR 26

20-50

1. **Joe Morgan**, Vancouver WA 101
2. Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR 87
3. Care Parker, Portland OR 74
4. Hugh Homan, Peypette ID 74
5. Doris Homan, Payette ID 73
6. Wing Yung, Salem OR 73
7. Cyndy Sidore, Princeville HI 71
8. Alexander Davie, Medford OR 70
9. Linda McCalla, Kalaheo HI 67
10. Elizabeth Scully, Portland OR 67

50-100

1. **David Ouyang**, Waianae HI 114
2. Karen Douek, Portland OR 97
3. Kathleen Hart, Portland OR 87
4. Bruce Hanni, Eagle ID 81
5. Terry Hart, Salem OR 74
6. Sharon Sandell, Waianae HI 69
7. Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR 65
8. John Seibert, Portland OR 65
9. Sheryl Williams, Portland OR 63
10. Bev Britton, Penn Valley CA 63

100-200

1. **Paul Walker**, Oregon City OR 153
2. Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR 125
3. Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR 109
4. Herbert Nakagawa, Honolulu HI 98
5. Jean-Pierre Perchellet, Salem OR 97
6. Ryerson Schwark, West Linn OR 96
7. Mark Jansa, Portland OR 90
8. Vern Katz, Eugene OR 85
9. Kay Alspaugh, Boise ID 83
10. Jack Grasham, Brookings OR 83

200-300

1. **Brenda Biermann**, Roseburg OR 270
2. Bruce Backup, Portland OR 155
3. Cecil T.C. Chan, Portland OR 154
4. Bill Bergmark, Bend OR 143
5. Dan Edelman, Vancouver WA 129
6. Tor Thorsen, Kailua Kona HI 117
7. Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR 111
8. Michael Thurlow, Bend OR 103
9. Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID 96
10. Deb Dotters, Eugene OR 94

300-500

1. **Heather Dolan**, Portland OR 223
2. Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA 187
3. Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR 177
4. Mike Goffe, Portland OR 174
5. Roger Thomas, West Linn OR 165
6. Glenda Fleming, Albany OR 144
7. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 143
8. Dee Fulton, Holualoa HI 129
9. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 125
10. Gale Alvistur, Chico CA 123

500-1000

1. **Sandy Syrett**, Corvallis OR 266
2. Nancy Jonske, Portland OR 217
3. Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA 216
4. Kevin Marnell, Portland OR 212
5. John Wolf, Eugene OR 209
6. David Partridge, Eugene OR 206
7. Randy Naef, McMinnville OR 193
8. Deanna Birch, Portland OR 183
9. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 170
10. Gerald Clark, Anderson CA 162

1000-1500

1. **Louis Beauchet**, Sherwood OR 608
2. Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA 241
3. Gene Hval, Portland OR 235
4. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 224
5. Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR 191
6. Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR 190
7. Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA 183
8. Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI 176
9. Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA 168
10. Linda Hann, Roseburg OR 163

1500-2500

1. **Amy Casanova**, Portland OR 650
2. Ray Robert, Portland OR 493
3. Eileen Boal, Albany OR 406
4. Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR 356
5. Rick Prouser, Portland OR 317
6. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 293
7. Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR 257
8. John Cissel, Boise ID 257
9. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 243
10. Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR 231



Dawn Campbell



July Ratley



Irva Kay Neyhart



John Ashton



Roger McNay



Louis Beauchet

2500-3500

1. **Dawn Campbell**, Portland OR 514
2. Edward Lee, Portland OR 499
3. Gerard Hallee, Portland OR 427
4. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 392
5. Brian Breckenridge, Tigard OR 308
6. Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR 246
7. Bill Lawrence, Happy Valley OR 235
8. Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR 229

3500-5000

1. **July Ratley**, Redding CA 534
2. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 361
3. Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA 347
4. Craig Jones, Boise ID 338
5. Duane Christensen, Boise ID 309
6. Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR 285
7. Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR 254
8. Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR 244

5000-7500

1. **Irva Kay Neyhart**, Portland OR 756
2. Hal Montgomery, Portland OR 678
3. Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR 591
4. Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR 541
5. David Brower, Portland OR 466
6. Carol Christensen, Boise ID 327
7. Ian Martindale, Boise ID 254
8. Janie Percy, Vancouver WA 252

7500-10,000

1. **John Ashton**, Portland OR 513
2. Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID 432
3. J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA 397

Over 10,000

1. **Roger McNay**, Beaverton OR 896
2. Michael Levy, Tucson AZ 665
3. Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR 550

Juniors

1. **Louis Beauchet**, Sherwood OR 608
2. Emily Hull, McMinnville OR 9
3. Zach Collins, Portland OR 5
4. Samuel Hardy, Corvallis OR 1
5. John Safipour, Truckee CA 1

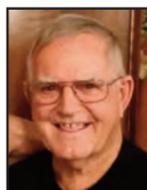
District 20 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners for 2019



Steve Weinstein



Jeanne Lawrence



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Karen Douek



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Louis Beauchet



Eileen Boal

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1. **Steve Weinstein**, Vancouver WA 45
2. Bill Stevenson, Honolulu HI 39
3. Michelle Nurdyke, Honolulu HI 35
4. Michael Keeney, Salem OR 30
5. Nancy Berwick, Portland OR 27
6. Emilio Berwick, Portland OR 27

5-20

1. **Jeanne Lawrence**, Chico CA 48
2. Chuck Lunson, Aiea HI 36
3. Larry Zgonc, Boise ID 33
4. Steve Parker, Portland OR 30
5. Thomas Ahern, Wilsonville OR 29
6. Thomas Davis, Nevada City CA 28

20-50

1. **Hugh Homan**, Peypette ID 71
2. Doris Homan, Payette ID 71
3. Joe Morgan, Vancouver WA 63
4. Wing Yung, Salem OR 61
5. Alexander Davie, Medford OR 56
6. Linda McCalla, Kalaheo HI 56

50-100

1. **Karen Douek**, Portland OR 70
2. Bev Britton, Penn Valley CA 60
3. Terry Hart, Salem OR 59
4. Charles Carter, Brookings OR 53
5. Roma Johnson, Kailua Kona HI 53
6. Dolores Glaze, Brookings OR 48

100-200

1. **Paul Walker**, Oregon City OR 60
2. Ronald Holbrook, Portland OR 59
3. Jack Grasham, Brookings OR 58
4. Sandra Waddle, Brookings OR 57
5. Richard Turnbull, Corvallis OR 57
6. Jean-Pierre Perchellet, Salem OR 54

200-300

1. **Brenda Biermann**, Roseburg OR 130
2. Bill Bergmark, Bend OR 119
3. Tor Thorsen, Kailua Kona HI 93
4. Kurt Browning, Grass Valley CA 79
5. Michael Thurlow, Bend OR 76
6. T. Paul Adams, Blodgett OR 72

300-500

1. **Alan Ludwig**, Yuba City CA 129
2. Heather Dolan, Portland OR 122
3. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 102
4. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 95
5. Gale Alvistur, Chico CA 87
6. Glenda Fleming, Albany OR 87

500-1000

1. **Sandy Syrett**, Corvallis OR 156
2. Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR 134
3. Gerald Clark, Anderson CA 124
4. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 122
5. Larry Chase, Boise ID 104
6. Stephen Oldfather, Poavilo HI 100

1000-1500

1. **Louis Beauchet**, Sherwood OR 184
2. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 179
3. Mary Jo Rode, Ontario OR 146
4. Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR 126
5. Winnie Henggeler, Fruitland ID 122
6. Gene Hval, Portland OR 121

1500-2500

1. **Eileen Boal**, Albany OR 293
2. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 182
3. Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR 164
4. Jim Wiser, Portland OR 163
5. Lorinda Pearson, Ontario OR 158
6. Donald Crozier, Bend OR 154



Dennis Harms



Rick Garvin



Irva Kay Neyhart



Rich Carle



Lynne Schaefer



Mark Bennett

2500-3500

1. **Dennis Harms**, Corvallis OR 261
2. Bill Lawrence, Happy Valley OR 194
3. Charles Rethlefsen, Corvallis OR 186
4. Brian Breckenridge, Tigard OR 182
5. Hon-Chung Ko, Albany OR 161
6. Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI 153

3500-5000

1. **Rick Garvin**, Corvallis OR 208
2. Douglas West, Long Beach WA 167
3. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 144
4. Dolores Echanis, Ontario OR 139
5. Helen Henning, Penn Valley CA 132
6. Marge Roe, Grass Valley CA 128

5000-7500

1. **Irva Kay Neyhart**, Portland OR 323
2. Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR 219
3. Janie Percy, Vancouver WA 171
4. David Brower, Portland OR 136
5. Carol Christensen, Boise ID 136
6. Ann Rickard, Chico CA 110

7500-10,000

1. **Rich Carle**, Longview WA 125
2. Michael Oechsler, Chico CA 110

Over 10,000

1. **Lynne Schaeffer**, Portland OR 190
2. Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI 156

Online

1. **Mark Bennett**, Honolulu HI 426
2. Steven Pessin, Eugene OR 404
3. Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR 328
4. Pete Grice, Boise ID 326
5. Nelda Linman, Redmond OR 247
6. Stephen Nafus, Boise ID 243

AROUND THE UNITS



Chico
♣♦♥♠
By Mark Bloom

Chico pairs do well in STaC

The D20 holiday STaC games in December were good for a couple of Chico pairs. **Michael Oechsler** and **Ann Ricard** were in the top 10 in the Monday afternoon game, and then broke through with a 70% game to win the Tuesday afternoon overalls.

Even more exciting was the result on Tuesday for **Dave** and **Nancy Calkins**: the very new C pair came up with their first 62% game to place third overall, and first in both B and C. They got their first silver points.

First holiday Swiss

Bidwell Bridge Club held its first holiday Swiss teams game in late December, with 11 teams competing. The potluck lunch was a big hit as well, as players outdid themselves in their food contributions. See results below.

Promotions

Phil Rowberg made Junior Master last month.

In the higher categories, **Jo Anne Murdock** passed 2500 masterpoints and is now a Gold Life Master.

Wrapping up the point races

There were a number of strong finishes in the 2019 Ace of Clubs races. In the 0-5 group **Mark Lance** led a large group of new players by 5 MPs. In the 5-20 category **Jeanne Lawrence** doubled up on the field, and, more importantly, beat her favorite partner, **Jerry Smith**, by three points — though he did win the 20-50 group over **Gary Stromberg** by 8 MPs. **Tom Huston** had a strong finish to take the 100-200 title.

In the higher groups were the usual names: **Alan Ludwig**, **Sherri Faroky** and **Jo Anne Murdock** took their categories. There was a close race in the 2500-3500 group, with **Jack Woodard** just edging out **Chuck Hodel**, and in the rarefied air of 7500+ we had a new winner for the first time in years, with **Michael Oechsler** beating **Garth Gregory**. Garth, who focuses more on tournaments, finished the Mini-McKenney race about 100 points ahead of Michael.

We even had two players take the overall title for the district in their categories, as Jeanne and Alan were first in D20. And in the Mini-McKenney district races Jeanne also took first in the 5-20 group, winning by less than one. Alan was a strong second in his group.

Results

Holiday Swiss, Dec. 11 — 1: JoAnne Murdock — Carol Huston — Alan Ludwig — Mark Bloom. 2: Chuck Hodel — Doug Jones — Sherri Faroky — Gale Alvistur.



Nancy Feldman, back center, with her latest class of students from the fall and her helpers. Three of her students are now playing regularly on Thursdays.

Elections; teacher recognized

Unit 394 has welcomed the new year with games five days a week and all games have been well attended.

All games begin at 12:30 p.m. The Thursday games are for players with under 200 points while all others are open.

The December unit board meeting was held at the Marriott Courtyard in Meridian during the annual holiday party. During that time there was an election for the 2020 board. Board members for 2020 are **Maryon Evans**, president; **John Cissel**, vice president; **Gene Gerard**, treasurer; **Art Crawford**, tournament chair; **Kay Alspaugh**, membership director; **Karen Boss**, hospitality director; and **Jill Wood**, secretary.

Andrea Cavener from the Idaho Alzheimer's Association spoke at the meeting in recognition of Unit 394's contributions through The Longest Day



Boise
♣♦♥♠
By Jill Wood
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events and awarded the Boise Bridge Co-operative a special recognition plaque for its outstanding fundraising. Our next Longest Day event to help raise awareness for Alzheimer's will be held on Saturday, June 20.

The unit would like to acknowledge the efforts of Nancy Feldman. Not only has Nancy written articles for the Trumpet for two and a half years, she also teaches bridge. Three of her students now play regularly.

Mark your calendar for the Boise regional July 27-Aug. 2, to be held at the Nampa Civic Center.



The women of Ontario bridge display the Christmas light necklaces they received from Larry Zgonc, center right.

Visitor lights up holidays in Ontario

The bridge highlight of the week before Christmas was the gifting by **Larry Zgonc**, a frequent visitor from the Boise club, of Christmas light necklaces to all the ladies. We continued to have a very well-lit, sparkly bridge game. Thanks, Larry.

We continue to work on our beginner bridge classes and hope to have them up and running soon.

On Jan. 12, two of our A players had a very exciting round resulting in a 70.67% game. Congratulations to **Dolores Echanis** and **Winnie Hengeler**.



Ontario
♣♦♥♠
By Billie Willis

In addition to our beginner bridge classes in the works, we are also making the final plans for our sectional, which will be held April 17-19 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario OR. Come check us out.

Eureka honors special award winners

Looking back over the past year, I am impressed by the vibrancy of our club. At our annual party, fielding five tables of novices boded well for the future.

Special awards: Strobe Matthews Award for most points garnered, **Phillip Frankel**; Unit Game winner, **Suzanne Cook**; Non-Life Master Award, **John Munro**; and Novice Award, **Joe McTurk**. A special



Eureka
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By Frederica Aalto
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award was given to **Aleen Arbaugh** for her work with the novices.

We are already planning for our sectional tournament Sept. 11-13. We plan to use the same location as last year, the Humboldt Area Foundation in Bayside. We will rearrange some furniture to gain more space and take care to iron out some glitches.



Nampa/Caldwell
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By Marilyn Tripple

GNT qualifiers a hit in Caldwell

This will be my final contribution to the Trumpet. I am more than happy to turn over my pen to the next reporter.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way at 83: I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved! Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

So, since it's my last hurrah, the items I'll report here go quite a distance towards me tooting my own horn. Soon after enjoying such great success at the Nampa/Caldwell Club's Christmas party, our director, Duane Christensen, held a GNT club qualifier. We had a capacity crowd of 14 teams.

Garnering first place, with four wins and 63 points was the team of **Carol Christensen**, **Philip Fast**, **Dan Johnson**, and **Sandra Watson**. Coming in second was the team of **Marilyn Tripple**, **Gene Gerard**, **Bill** and **Jill Wood**, just one victory point behind.

In February we held something unusual for us: a club GNT game for only Flights B and C. We were thrilled to have 10 teams fill up the club for this game.

The team of **Leslie Muir**, **Kathryn Luft**, **Michael Rohm**, and **Jayne James** took first with 60 points and the team of **Marilyn Tripple**, **Gene Gerard**, **Gary Crupper**, and **Art Crawford** took second with 51.

An amusing aside to this story is that Leslie Muir of the first place team, and Art Crawford of the second place team,

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Redding
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By Joan Sullens
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Redding honors seven over 90

Redding salutes our 90-year-old-plus members: **Jeanne Carpenter**, **Mary Hawkins**, **Florence Hungerford**, **Dorothy Hoots**, **Sue McKown**, **Pat Denniston** and **Gene Biek**. Florence leads the group in masterpoints, the second highest in our clubs. They all play regularly, scoring in the win column often. Bridge certainly has kept them young and sharp.



Florence Hungerford

Beginning lessons will be offered this spring by **July Ratley**. We hope to gain some new players.

Big games this quarter: **Keld & Jeanne Sorensen**, 74%; **Dave & Margaret Bechard**, 71%; and **Michael Hollins - Gerri Wolfe**, 71%.

We invite you to attend our spring sectional, April 17-19.

Results

Instant Matchpoint Game, Oct. 31 — N/S 1A: July Ratley — Florence Hungerford; E/W 1A: Bud Hamilton — Ken Murray.

AROUND THE UNITS

Data trove ranks club players; sectional soon

Sectional bridge, daylight start times, wine tastings, free evenings to check out one of more than 200 restaurants close by or take in a play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival — what's not to like in this scenario?

It's all part of the Rogue Valley Spring Sectional, March 27–29 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center. See details below.

Top five for 2019

After the dust settled on 2019, the unit's website (bridgewebs.com/unit484medford) published a final ranking of members in terms of their scoring average at club games. Following are the top five in four different categories, showing their average percentage score and the number of club games played in the unit for the year.

Open, individuals: 1. **Jim Flint**, 56.97 (132 games); 2. **Bob Scott**, 56.64 (133); 3. **David**



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By Jim Flint

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McKee, 56.17 (103); 4. **Kemble Yates**, 56.03 (34); 5. **Gee Gee Walker**, 55.26 (119).

Open, pairs: 1. **Jim Flint – Bob Scott**, 60.24 (31); 2. **David McKee – Jim Flint**, 58.65 (23); 3. **Bob Scott – Bill Reeves**, 58.30 (9); 4. **Bob Fox – Bob Scott**, 57.22 (8); 5. **Jim Flint – John Cowles**, 57.19 (11).

NLM, individuals: 1. **Terry Purpus**, 57.40 (10); 2. **Janet Ligon**, 57.32 (48); 3. **Hedy Schoonover**, 57.24 (31); 4. **Sandy Davie**, 56.17 (33); 5. **Dennis Powers**, 55.77 (41).

NLM, pairs: 1. **Joan Greenblatt – Martha Bertelsen**, 58.59 (8); 2. **Bill & Janet Ligon**, 57.52 (44); 3. **Aneis Estrada – Terry Purpus**, 57.40 (10); 4. **Aneis Estrada – Sandy Davie**, 57.13 (9); 5. **Dennis Powers – Hedy Schoonover**, 56.77 (29).

STaC and unit games

In one of the best turnouts in recent years for the annual December party and bridge game, 28 pairs enjoyed a holiday buffet, courtesy of the unit, and vied for unit game honors and masterpoints.

See below for results. **Bob Fox's** win put him over the top for Silver Life Master.

Two STaC games were held in December at the Phoenix Bridge Center, with unit members doing well in the overalls regionally. **Jim Flint** placed sixth on Dec. 16 with **Bob Scott** and second on Dec. 20 with **John Cowles**. See results below.

Unit holds elections

Members elected **Bob Valine** and **Doug McKenzie** to the Unit 484 board of directors at the Dec. 7 annual meeting prior to the holiday unit game. At its Dec. 16 meeting the board thanked outgoing directors

Jill Wolcott and **Pam Howard** for their service.

Officers for 2020 are **Gee Gee Walker**, president; **Kathleen Moore**, vice president; **John Cowles**, secretary; and **Mike Pavlik**, treasurer.

Chairs were named for Saturday unit games in 2020. Valine chaired the Feb. 15 unit game. Other chairs are **Joanne Flam-mang**, May 2; **McKenzie**, Aug. 1; and **Moore**, Dec. 5.

Sectional tournament chairs for 2020 will be **Gee Gee Walker**, March 27–29; and **John Cowles**, Sept. 18–20.

The board approved reimbursement to clubs for 16 unit championship games during 2020.

Mini-McKenney races

The Jan. 6 posting on the ACBL website for Unit 484 Mini-McKenney winners showed five players scoring masterpoints for 2019 in the three-digit range. Late postings may change the final results.

Leading the pack for most masterpoints won in club games and tournaments combined were **Jim Flint**, 223.04; **Gee Gee Walker**, 202.53; **Molly Tinsley**, 200.59; **Bob Scott**, 199.57; and **Dennis Kendig**, 137.28.

Other Mini-McKenney winners in their masterpoint categories were **Lin Robbins**, **Cheryl Cullen**, **Sandy Davie**, **Ken Korth**, **Judd Robbins**, **Lawrence Diamant**, **Michael Naim** and **John Cowles**.

Results

Holiday party, Dec. 7 — 1A/B: **Bob Fox – Ken Korth**, 2A/B: **David Runkel – John Hassen**, 3A: **Bob Valine – Gee Gee Walker**, 3B: **Mark & Leah McKechnie**, 1C: **Lawrence Diamant – Judd Robbins**.

STaC Monday, Dec. 16 — 6A: **Jim Flint – Bob Scott**; 8B: **Ed Goldman – David Bryant**; 5C: **Marion Gribben – Helen Mills**; 6C: **Sandy Davie – Ken Korth**; **199ers** — 1-2E: **Cheryl Bain – Jack Agresti**; 3E: **Chris Vitalis – Cheryl Cullen**; 4E: **Bob & Marjorie Patterson**.

STaC Friday, Dec. 20 — 2A: **Jim Flint – John Cowles**; 8A: **Bob Valine – Ed Miller**.



Klamath Falls
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By Bobby Thompson

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No snow day for K Falls players

Bridge players are odd ducks to say the least. They will drive through snow, no matter how deep, to meet their friends for a duplicate bridge game.

Recently we had some games that should have been canceled because of inclement weather. The city and county schools were closed as well as Oregon Institute of Technology and Klamath Community College. However, the fields of 12 to 16 players came to the Odd Fellows hall for the fun of the game. Average age of our group runs 80, give or take a year or two.

We recently lost two of our retired members **Barbara Mollison** and **Ted Gessner**. Barb never missed a game and was famous for her expressions, "hold the phone, bad rice, or I'm thinking." Ted was our treasurer for years and a Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Berkeley.

The highest score every recorded at our club was an 82.3% by **Laila Griffith** and **Carol McClure** in late November. They added a paltry 72% game as well, while **Duane Weiss** recorded his first ever big game of 70.8% to win a club championship. Congrats to all three players.

Point Parade winners for the fourth quarter were **Laila Griffith**, **Carol McClure** and **Ed McClure** in the open field while **Patti Collom**, **Reid Sherwin** and **Duane Weiss** topped the non-LM group.

Results

Club Appreciation Game, Oct. 17 — 1A: **Laila Griffith – Carol McClure**; 2A/1B: **Keith Thorp – Duane Weiss**; 3A/2B: **Jo Ann Koenig – Ethel Rust**.

Club Championship, Oct. 22 — 1A: **Bobby Thompson – Duane Weiss**; 2A: **Laila Griffith – Carol McClure**; 3A/1B: **Patti Collom – Keith Thorp**; 2B: **Tom & Petra Gellner**.

Unit Game, Nov. 10 — 1A: **Ed McClure – Doug Higgs**; 2-3A: **Carol McClure – Laila Griffith, Randall Paul – Bobby Thompson**; 1B: **Patti Collom – Jo Ann Siebecke**; 2B: **Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp**.

Unit Game, Dec. 1 — 1A: **Ed McClure – Doug Higgs**; 2A/1B: **Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp**; 3A: **Laila Griffith – Carol McClure**; 2B/1C: **Patti Collom – Jo Ann Siebecke**; 3B/2C: **Kathy Kerr – Duane Weiss**.

Club Championship, Jan. 7 — 1A/1B: **Reid Sherwin – Ralph Eccles**; 2A/2B: **Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp**.

Sectional details

4149 S. Pacific Highway, Phoenix OR

Game times are 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., allowing players time to explore the area's amenities in the evenings.

There will be single-session games on Friday with open pairs and 299ers sections. Saturday's open pairs sessions are play-through, with single session buys available, while 299ers play single sessions. Sessions for 299ers depend on player availability.

The Sunday Swiss teams event starts at 10 a.m. with the second session played after a short lunch break in-house.

Tourney chair **Gee Gee Walker** can assist with partnerships and teammates. Contact her at 541-292-3474 or by email at ggwalker@gmail.com.

Player fees are \$11 per session, \$15 for lapsed ACBL members, and \$10 for players with less than 50 masterpoints. Temporary memberships are available at the venue. **Steve Kaessner** will direct.



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club
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By Debbie Grasham

Growing club starts newsletter

Tri City Bridge has been in its new location for a year, averaging five to six tables all year long. We have newcomers' games twice a month and usually have at least two tables of beginners.

We have also started a monthly newsletter. **Sandy Waddle** is the editor and includes all the club news, dates and results. She also does an interesting interview each month with players: where they grew up, how they started playing, family, etc. The columns are very popular with our group and we learn lots of unexpected information about other players.

Big games: **Bev & Norm Hockett** (new to duplicate), 72%; **Sandra & Bill Waddle**, 77%.

Next time you're on the coast, please stop by. We play at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Chetco Activity Center.

Grants Pass



Francisco Franco is still dead, but bridge in Grants Pass is not, as far as we know.



Bend players had an ugly sweater party.

Club back at remodeled site

We ended 2019 with an ugly sweater bridge day. The sad thing was a lot of the sweaters worn were right out of our closets.

Big game: **Ray Teller** and **Lisa Holloway** had a 73.1% score Dec. 20, breaking all records at Gentle Bridge. Way to go!

Cascade DBC is back in the senior center after being temporarily out because of a big remodel.

Ace of Hearts has started up its bi-monthly Saturday game, so be sure to



Bend/Redmond
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By Candy Baungard

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check them out.

Everyone in our central Oregon bridge community is saddened to learn of **Joyce Guhy's** death. She was always such a pleasure to play with.

Caldwell: Enjoys new Boise site

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are married. Although I would have preferred to win, my feminine side couldn't help but cheer for Leslie.

Cheers to the Boise Bridge Club for the wonderful sectional they sponsored Feb. 7–9. They chose their venue wisely, the spacious Hispanic Cultural Center in Nampa — only two miles from my house!

Eyer

Plans to travel district

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want people to attend D20 events, it is most important that players support the clubs as much as possible and, perhaps, cut back online play to do so."

Eyer plans on playing in a club, sectional or regional game in at least seven of the district's eight areas.

"I'll be at the Bend, Nampa and Seaside regionals, and the Eureka and other sectionals," he said. He and area reps hope players will speak up and ask questions they might have about D20 issues.

Away from the bridge table, Eyer and his wife of 47 years, Jan, enjoy their three grandchildren, reading, and doing volunteer work, most notably for the Portland Performing Arts Center, the Lake Oswego Public Library and the No One Dies Alone program.

District president Mike Eyer can be reached at leela.tardis@gmail.com.

AROUND THE UNITS



Vancouver/ Longview



By Ginny Griffiths

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Unit spotlight: Jeff Jacob

In this issue's Vancouver unit report, let us introduce you to **Jeff Jacob**, one of our favorite tournament directors, profiled in his own words:

I am a fifth generation Portlander on my mother's side. I was born at the Air Force Base at PDX (now the Air National Guard base) during the Cuban missile crisis, on All Saints Day, a few weeks after the Columbus Day storm. While my mother and I were in the hospital, Portland experienced a rare earthquake.

I have stayed in the Portland area all of my life, and can't think of anywhere else, outside of the Northwest, I would rather be. I graduated from Portland State, while refereeing and umping water polo, basketball and softball. I still referee water polo, having worked two national age-group championship games. I worked for a major western bank during two stints of about 15 years.

I have been with my wife, Angela, going on 13 years. On June 30, 2017, we made it official by marrying on the 10th anniversary of our first date. Being with Angela, I acquired her kids as well — Eric and Meghan.

Thirteen years ago, **Matt Smith** asked me if I had any interest in becoming a tournament director. I said yes. As a result, I am one of a very few who started working for the ACBL before working any club games. I call my job my dream job. I get to travel while working with bridge. I am now a full-time TD, and direct Mondays and Wednesdays when I am in town at the Vancouver Bridge Club.

I love to read (fantasy, sci-fi, bios, history, sports, bridge, etc.), and follow baseball, basketball and football. I enjoy traveling and having Angela join me when she can. I have been in 45 of the 50 states, and hopefully, this year, I will hit another three states. I also enjoy the opportunity to mentor newer players.

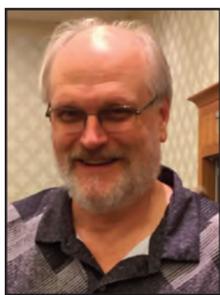
One of my favorite memories are when I played with Dr. **Bolek Brant** at the Vancouver regional. He needed around 22 gold points and we earned over 27 that week to make him a Life Master. Another is when I played with **Judi Hager**, finishing second in GNT flight C teams in 1995 in New Orleans (teaming with **David Rosenstein** and **Yiping Wang**).

Unit news

The Christmas party was very successful and new board members **Joe Morgan**, **Virginia Griffiths** and **Kent Livingston** were elected. The new officers are Morgan, president; Griffiths, vice president; **Polly Bullert**, secretary; **Kathy Mather**, treasurer; and **Liz Fullerton**, membership chair.

The VBC held a silent auction of jewelry to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

Hal Montgomery will be teaching intermediate bridge topics Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Those who attend are invited to stay for the 149er game that begins at 6:30. More information is on the website and at the club.



Jeff Jacob



Portland



By Dee Poujade

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Unit 487, under the leadership of board President **Kristin Steinmetz**, has begun a community outreach program to identify potential new bridge players — both social and duplicate — as well as to take it to the next level for people who play social bridge and would like to expand their horizon.

The goal is to introduce more people of all ages and backgrounds to this fascinating game we all love so much.

It started with a promotion in Lloyd Center where there were multiple tables set up in a vacant mall space. People walking through the mall were invited to come in for free lessons and play with experienced players. After contacting some community centers in the Portland area, there appears to be an opportunity to provide instruction, both one-time introductory classes and some lesson series.

As of January, four community centers and one retirement home have requested instruction, and more than 25 people, both professional instructors and regular bridge players, have volunteered their time and talents to help.

"I think we got an amazing response," said Steinmetz, adding that volunteers are



David Castles and Kristin Steinmetz consulted with Portland Opera on its production "A Hand of Bridge."

still needed as the program continues to develop.

One of the community centers has committed to offer multiple introductory classes, as well as class series. They also plan to offer bridge in their youth camps this summer.

Two other community centers have committed to offer classes this spring and were happy to learn that bridge was not just a game for "old people."

And at least one retirement home has requested a teacher for a one-time "easy" lesson series to teach current residents and some of the staff so they can have an ongoing game.

Teachers and helpers will continue to be needed, and anyone who is interested

in participating can contact Steinmetz at acbldunit487@gmail.com.

The Portland Opera is presenting "A Hand of Bridge" by Samuel Barber as part of its American Quartet. They asked the PBC for help in making sure that their bridge game was authentic. Kristin Steinmetz and **David Castles** spent a couple hours helping them make sure that their card play, bidding and emotional intonations were accurate.

The Ace of Clubs has also put lots of effort in developing a new-comer schedule. **Jamie Sparks** has taken over the Thursday morning

749er game with great success, now running six tables weekly. They also have promoted the Saturday afternoon supervised 49er game and recently had five full tables. And finally, The Ace recently had 12 teams of NLM players in a Sunday game.

The PBC made the top 50 clubs in the ACBL based on table count. The Portland Chess Club moved in to Lloyd Center across the way and they are already reaping the benefit from shared space.

The PBC will host an introduction to bridge for working age people on Sunday, April 5, from 1-4 p.m. The schedule includes a one-hour lesson, 30 minutes of socializing and one and a half hours of play with an optional gathering afterwards for discussion.

Election and awards season for Salem

Unit 490 players should mark their calendars for the annual competition with Unit 477, this year in Corvallis on Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m. with a lunch preceding the game. Scoring in the competition is based on both open game and NLM game results, so we need as many people as can make it to come out and play. We've held the trophy for the past couple of years. Let's make sure it stays with us for another.

Comings and goings

Unit 490 regrets to report the deaths of two players during the winter quarter. **JoAnne Georgi**, one of our newest Life Masters, died Nov. 2, and **Arol Masters**, one of our regulars at the small Saturday night game, died Dec. 31. The unit sends out condolences to the families and friends.

The unit received several transfers from other units. A warm welcome goes out to **Robert Searle**, **Chris Graf**, **Bill Holloran**, and **Janie Shuey**.

Election news

December was election season for Oak Valley Bridge Club, Salem Bridge Club, and Unit 490.

At OVBC in McMinnville, the following comprise the board: president **Barbara Nelson**, vice president **Shirley Crenshaw**, secretary **JoAnne Benkstein**, treasurer **Mike Green**, and **Randy Naef**.

For SBC, **Susan Palmer** was re-elected along with new members **Sharon Douglas** and **Jack Wetherson**. They join returning members **Paul Graham** (president), **Zina Galaka** (vice president), **David Astle** (secretary), and **Judy Lathrop** (treasurer).

Don Pitt was re-elected to the unit board, joining president **Shain Oleson**, secretary **Judy Ferguson**, treasurer **Judy Lathrop**, **Loren Meyer**, **Diane French** and **Laurie Naemura**.

Yearly awards

Salem Bridge Club announced Dec. 8 that **Cathy Urben** is the winner of its annual sportsmanship award. SBC also hon-



Salem



By Kevin Kacmarynski

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ored **Kevin Kacmarynski** with the club asset award on Dec. 20.

The Chet Bakkum Award went to **Michael Keeney**, the rookie who earned the most masterpoints during the year. The Founders' Award was awarded to **Tom McGuire**, the player who earned the most points at club games inside the unit.

Congratulations to our unit Mini-McKenney Award winners for 2019: **Michael Keeney**, **Allison Drew**, **Wing Yung**, **Terry Hart**, **J.P. Perchellet**, **Barbara Nelson**, **Don Pitt**, **Randy Naef**, **Kevin Kacmarynski**, **Jackie Mishler**, **David Astle**, **Steve Drew** and **Mike Levy**.

Tournament tales

Kevin Kacmarynski paired with **Allison Walkingshaw** of Corvallis to finish 1B/1C in the Friday morning open game at the Newport Sectional while **Sue** and **Steve Jackson** finished 1A/1B in the Friday afternoon 299er event.

The unit's real stars were **Shirley Crenshaw** and **JoAnne Benkstein** who cleaned up at the Corvallis I/N sectional in November by winning their strat in every event, giving them enough masterpoints for the weekend to win the tournament. Their teammates in the Sunday Swiss, **Kathleen McCrossin** and **Peg Frame**, finished first overall in the Saturday afternoon 299er game.



Shirley Crenshaw and JoAnne Benkstein

Rank changes

A half-dozen players earned the masterpoints needed to reach the next lifetime achievement rank. Congratulations to Club Masters **Anita Caviglia** and **Sandra Emmons**; Regional Masters **Terry Hart**, **Bill Gille**, and **Laurie Naemura**; and Bronze Life Master **Ben Mitchell**.

Unit games

Kevin Kacmarynski withstood a late charge from two-time defending champion **Shain Oleson** to win the 2019 Kathryn Lewis Award by just over 3 masterpoints. The award is given to the player who wins the most points in unit games during a year. It is Kacmarynski's third victory in the competition, having also won in 2008 and 2015. His total of 30.88 unit game masterpoints for the year is the third-highest on record.

As a result of winning the first unit game of 2020, **Claudine Lake** and **Jackie Mishler** are out to the early lead for the Lewis Award.

Results

Unit Game, Nov. 3 — 1A: **Shain Oleson** — **Jan Suggs**, 2A/1B: **Nancy & Jack Wetherson**, 3A/2B/1C: **Steve & Sue Jackson**.

Unit Game, Nov. 20 — 1A/1B: **Randy Jordan** — **Tom McGuire**, 2A/2B: **Shain Oleson** — **Jerry Gordon**, 3A/3B: **Kevin Kacmarynski** — **Bill Holloran**.

Unit Game, Dec. 8 — 1A: **Brian Breckenridge** — **Stuart Trimble**, 2A/1B/1C: **Necia Hasbrook** — **Don Pitt**, 3A/2B: **Zina Galaka** — **Paul Graham**.

Unit Game, Dec. 18 — 1A, **Henri Jansen** — **Brian Breckenridge**, 2A/1B: **Judy Lathrop** — **Don Brockhaus**, 3A/2B: **Sue Bradford** — **Ellie Hall-Pitzer**.

Unit Game, Jan. 5 — 1A: **Claudine Lake** — **Jackie Mishler**, 2A/1B: **Kevin Kacmarynski** — **Allison Walkingshaw**, 3A/2B: **Wing Yung** — **Stewart Trimble**.

Unit Game, Jan. 15: 1A/1B: **Randy Jordan** — **Tom McGuire**, 2A/2B: **Terry Hart** — **Don Pitt**.

Central Oregon Coast



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The Central Oregon Coast unit still has not fallen into the ocean, as far as we know. An email recently reached ACBL headquarters reporting that the unit had elected new officers. They are president **Stan Shell**, vice president **Shelley Stowers**, secretary **Sandy LaRoche** and treasurer **Chris Gates**.

AROUND THE UNITS

New bulletin board stimulates Corvallis club

The new bulletin board on the north wall of the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center has been a focus of attention, information and amusement for the whole club.

Since the beginning of last fall, a new theme and Person of Interest have been showcased each month. So far, **Pat Moore, Mike Sailor, Mary Powelson** and **Stuart Newberger** have been featured, along with monthly themes: Dynamic Duos (partnerships), Thankful Thoughts, Holidays and Players' Pets. Studying the bulletin board has been a great way to spend time during the interminable sitout. It has the added benefit of drawing eyes to the old bulletin board, on which is pinned more mundane things like board meeting agendas and minutes.

The Unit 477 board was looking for ways to lighten the atmosphere at Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, when **Janie** and **Bob Peery** came up with the idea of having a social bulletin board, one that would help club members get to know each other. As Janie put it, "Bob volunteered us to do it. He is a help, carrying it home and returning it to the club for me." Creating monthly themes and arranging them comes naturally to Janie who is an avid scrapbooker.



Albany/Corvallis
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By Kathi Downing
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And finding someone to write the player profiles was not too difficult.

The project is just one of Janie Peery's many talents. Besides the bulletin board and her service on the unit board, she has been chair for the annual Heart of the Valley Sectional Tournament since 2017. Thanks to her positive energy and exemplary organizational skills, these past three tournaments have been highly successful.

Janie, one of the most involved members of our club, is also one of the newest. Her husband Bob, a longtime member, board member, director, mentor and teacher, is well-known around the club for his dedication to promotion of the game. He even has the annual 299er tournament named after him.

But Bob wasn't able to successfully promote the game to his wife of 35 years until 2013 when he encouraged her to take a Learn Bridge in a Day class at the

senior center. Since Janie had recently retired, she was ripe for the challenge.

"I did take it," Janie said, "and all that summer, one day a week, **Eleanor Carlson** and a couple of other gals gathered at Sunny Side Up in downtown Corvallis with the instructor, **Mary Alice Seville**, and played bridge."

When the very first Bridge Basics class was offered that fall, Janie missed it due to a round of chemo and radiation. When Bridge Basics 2 was offered in the winter, Janie found she was far behind.

"I couldn't figure out why I wasn't getting it. I didn't remember we had to have 13 points and a five-card major," she said.

Undaunted, she signed up for BB1 the following fall and has been playing since.

"I had no interest in cards, didn't play any cards growing up," she said. "It was Bob playing all the time and me not understanding what he was talking about that led me to play. I enjoy the game and have come to terms with the fact that I am not going to be a Life Master. I love the people, the friendships and the camaraderie that is at the club."

One of the other aspects of bridge that she loves is being part of Bob's world.



Eugene/Springfield
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By Don Marsh
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Election; new slot for unit games?

EBC hosted a very successful mentor-mentee game Jan. 17. **Susie Leo** gets most of the credit for orchestrating this event. Thanks to her efforts, there were 11 tables. All of the feedback was positive and thanks also go out to all the players who were willing to give some time towards mentoring those less experienced. Plans call for an encore performance March 6.

We had our annual election party in February at Shadow Hills. We want thank those board members who have completed their terms. **Bing Kibbey, Denise Cox** and **Susie Leo** all deserve our thanks and appreciation. The efforts of the board continue to impress. Some great work has been done this past year and these folks all contributed. In addition, **Betsy Ovitt** and **Carl Scheffler** have agreed to serve for another term and **Joyce Spence, Ali Amory** and **Diane Bricker** agreed to have their names put in nomination.

With the declining attendance at the Sunday game, the unit board is looking at moving the unit game to Fridays. The hope is that we may be able to get more of the 299ers to attend. Plans call for the game to be a two-section event with a 299er game held along side the open.

The I/N sectional will be held the weekend of April 10-11. This is a 299er event and will be held at the Emerald Bridge Club. Please help spread the word for this event.

Seaside unit Goodwill awards

Happy New Year from Unit 491. May all your finesses work, and all of your bids be confusing only to your opponents.

In December we enjoyed our annual holiday game, unit meeting and dinner at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Three Goodwill Committee awards were given. **Virginia Zimmerman** was honored for her many years working in the kitchen at the Monday game at the Grange in Long Beach, making coffee, putting out goodies (which she sometimes supplies), and cleaning up. It's not glamorous but it adds so much to our enjoyment of the game.

Robert Zimmerman, her husband, was honored for his many years as unit secretary and his filling in when needed as the director of the Monday game. They're the typical couple: Robert always finds the card room too cold, and Virginia always finds it too hot.

Jan Amend was recognized for her first year as hospitality chair for both the Seaside regional and sectional. It was a big commitment and responsibility involving a lot of time and effort.

A newcomer to our unit is **Gary Floyd**. About a year ago, he and his wife moved to Seaside from Houston. He says they love the cooler weather and the rain. In



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the early 1980s, Gary began playing bridge. He has never taken a lesson or read a book about the game. Shortly after he started playing, he became a salaried employee of the Houston Bridge and Game Center, which had two games a day, often with two dozen or more tables. He recalls operating an early dealing machine.



Gary Floyd

Masterpoint races

Mini-McKenney — (0-5): Michael Donnelly, 15.02; (5-20): Dolores Sharp, 11.31; (20-50): Ruth Johnson, 32.22; (50-100): Thomas Stanley, 23.55; (100-200): Jeanne Nasby, 15.61; (200-300): Lucy Thorstensen, 39.29; (300-500): Jane Lowe, 84.67; (500-1000): Rick Gardner, 151.18; (1000-1500): Ray Lowe, 78.45; (1500-2500): Lewis Richardson Jr., 177.32; (2500-3500): Susan Kroning, 121.60; and (3500-5000): Douglas West, 201.77.

Come April 17-19 for the Seaside sectional and I/N regional.

OTR

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Gold Rush events in the morning. These events started out strong at the beginning of the week and stayed relatively consistent.

The board voted to change start times in 2021 to a daylight schedule for part of the week, so be sure to check the flyer and website for start times next year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chris's Corner: Comparable calls

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or comparable call available to them and choose to make it, then their partner is allowed to continue bidding and there will not be any lead penalties. If they do not have a sufficient bid/comparable call available and/or choose not to make one, their partner may be barred for one or more rounds and potentially there could be lead restrictions. This is still the offender's option; an opponent cannot require them to "make it sufficient" or "make it comparable."

- ♦ Insufficient bids cannot be replaced

with a double unless that double is comparable (partner is still allowed to bid.) This is not the case for calls out of rotation. Extreme example: South opens 2♣ (not accepted) when North is the dealer. North now passes, East opens 6♠. South may not have a comparable call to his opening of 2♣, but he is certainly permitted to double with knowledge that North will have to pass. (The non-offending side is not given a get-out-of-jail free card.)

Next issue: Some at-the-table examples.

Ruling questions for Chris? Email chris.wiegand@acbl.org

Eugene 299er Sectional

April 10 & 11, 2020

Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd
Springfield, Oregon

Friday, April 10

9:30 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)
2:00 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)

Saturday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)
2:00 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
Strat determined by team average

\$9 Per Player Per Session (\$14 Lapsed Members)

Fun and Friendly™ Guaranteed!

- Postmortem discussion on two or three hands as time permits
- Coburg Pizza across the parking lot
- Mini-lesson on Swiss Team Strategy prior to the event for those interested
- Three strats: 200-299, 100-199 & 0-99
- Lots of good things to eat
- Sandwiches and salads provided at lunch

Information: Visit our website at emeraldbridgeclub.net or contact Ellen McCumsey at generosity1@live.com (541-321-2139) or Martin Nice at mdnice@jcloud.com 541-731-2354

Directions: Exit 194A Springfield-126E. Proceed on 126 E to Mohawk exit. Exit right and proceed 0.4 mile to Centennial Blvd., which is the fourth light. Turn left. Look for Coburg Pizza on the left and turn into parking lot. EBC is on your right.

ACBL District 20

Future openings in district leadership

Later this year, District 20 will be looking to fill several positions that will be coming open. Watch the district website and the Trumpet for details on these positions. Job responsibilities can be found in the Manual of Policies and Procedures:

- Contract Manager
not available
- Education Liaison
https://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_9_EdLias.pdf
- Finance Committee
https://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_11_StComs.pdf
- I/N Coordinator
https://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_8_INCoord.pdf

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WINNERS AT THE OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

Columbia River Monday-Tuesday Knockout



Susan Peters, Doug Hanford, Polly Dunn, Pat Dunn

Bracket 1

Monday, Feb. 17

Monday Evening Charity Side Pairs (42 pairs)

- 1A Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 2A John Ashton – Marie Ashton, Portland OR
- 3A Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA
- 1B/C Neil Swanson, Monroe WA; James Weider, Portland OR
- 2B/C Stacey Melnick, Portland OR; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA
- 3B James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Cynthia Sinn, Lake Oswego OR
- 3C Michael Anthony – Denise Anthony, Terrace BC

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 1 (8 teams)

- 1 Polly Dunn – Patrick Dunn, Edmonds WA; Doug Hansford, Surrey BC; Susan Peters, Vancouver BC
- 2 Ed Ulman, Portland OR; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV
- 3-4 Raj Garg – Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 2 (7 teams)

- 1 Ron Root – Dwayne Brackhahn – Katherine Morris – Richard Morris, Beaverton OR
- 2 Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Sandy Syrett – Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 3-4 Marta Cannell, Hood River OR; Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR; Dena Senn – Ron Senn, Beaverton OR

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 3 (8 teams)

- 1 Ann Larson – Noeline Myers – Mary Alice Seville – Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR
- 2 Margaret Moen, Seattle WA; Dana Lawrence, Kirkland WA; Christine McKenna, Edmonds WA; Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA
- 3-4 Todd Flowerday, Silverdale WA; Robert Dutton, Bremerton WA; Robert Bleil, Port Orchard WA; Pete Grice, Boise ID

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 4 (7 teams)

- 1 Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger – John Wolf – David Partridge, Eugene OR
- 2 Joseph Morgan – Virginia Griffiths – Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA; Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
- 3-4 Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR; Patrick Howard, Tigard OR; Nancy Crawford – George Crawford, Portland OR

Columbia River Mon-Tues KO Bracket 5 (8 teams)

- 1 Bruce Backup – Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR; Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA
- 2 Ray Lowe – Jane Lowe, Astoria OR; Russell Vaughan – Carroll Vaughan, Federal Way WA
- 3-4 Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA; Claudia Kemper – Debbie Grasham – Jack Grasham, Brookings OR

Tuesday Open Pairs (38 pairs)

- 1A Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 2A Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Jay Roll, Kelso WA
- 3A Hadi Allahverdian – Jay Kurzet, Portland OR
- 1B Kathy Downen – Daryl Sallaz, Boise ID
- 2B/1C Lynne Annett – Mike Annett, Hood River OR
- 3B Ross Willingham Jr., Federal Way WA; Nancy Carle, Lynnwood WA
- 2C Andrew Dashkov, Beaverton OR; Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR
- 3C Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA

Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs (42 pairs)

- 1C Kamlesh Batra – Shiv Batra, Mercer Island WA
- 2C Marion Hull – Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR
- 3C/1D Kay Alspaugh – Lindy Hamilton, Boise ID
- 2D Nancy Cole – Valarie Krasovic, Vancouver WA
- 3D Jim Kahan – Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR
- 1E Karen Stone – Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR
- 2E Beth Unger – John Seibert, Portland OR
- 3E Dean Gray, Van Couver WA; Gary Bowers, Vancouver WA

Tuesday A/X/Y Swiss Teams (18 teams)

- 1A John Ashton – Marie Ashton – Irene Pickett, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA; Matt Smith, Victoria BC
- 2A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Ken Scholes – Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA; Ray Miller, Seattle WA
- 3A/1X/Y David Baer – Amy DeShaw, Seattle WA; Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA; Paul Conroy, Aberdeen WA
- 2X James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Tuba Unlu – Flo Savage, Portland OR; Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 3X/2Y Heather Dolan – Ray Robert, Portland OR; Sandra Lawrence, West Linn OR; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
- 3Y Elinor Hood – Steven Vorenkamp – Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; Cynthia Sinn, Lake Oswego OR

Tuesday B Round Robin Teams Bracket 1 . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Lynda Hirst – Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA
- 2 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Newberg OR; Neil Swanson, Monroe WA; James Weider, Portland OR
- 3 Gerald Brown – Pauline Bullert – Krista Kabacy, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA

Tuesday B Round Robin Teams Bracket 2 . . . (8 teams)

- 1 Sheryl Williams – Bernie Widolff – Wendy Mednick – Janice Smith, Portland OR
- 2 David Erickson – Ellen Kohjima – Marcia Cramer, Tacoma WA; Joan Page, Salem OR
- 3 Michael Anthony – Denise Anthony, Terrace BC; Dennis Lee – Susan Lee, Smithers BC

Monday-Tuesday Evening Gold Rush Pairs . . (18 pairs)

- 1C Kamlesh Batra – Shiv Batra, Mercer Island WA
- 2C Eleanor Carlson, Corvallis OR; James Heitkemper, The Dalles OR
- 3C Sheri Markwardt, Milwaukee OR; Ben Tribelhorn, Portland OR

Tuesday Morning Side Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A Kerry Cotterell, Freeland WA; Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA
- 2A Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 3A Paul Darin – Raymond Sachs, San Diego CA
- 1-2B Robert Dutton, Bremerton WA; Pete Grice, Boise ID
- 1-2B Lynda Lipe, Bellevue WA; Nobi Morris, Wenatchee WA
- 3B David Partridge – John Wolf, Eugene OR
- 1C James Esterkin – David Weil, Portland OR
- 2C Paula Koeller – Claire Doherty, Portland OR
- 3C Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1A Mariam Saner – Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA
- 2A/1B Kathleen Vask, Camas WA; Guher Erbil, Vancouver WA
- 3A/2B Jeanie Bettis – Ann Grill, Vancouver WA
- 3B/1C Paula Koeller, Portland OR; Alex Maltier, Juneau AK

- 2C Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Mark Gardner, Beaverton OR
- 3C Craig Dulong – Linda Medina, Vancouver WA

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1D Steve Marsh – Jean Buckley, Portland OR
- 2D Monte Garrett, Beaverton OR; Tom Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR
- 3D Susan Carter, Portland OR; Carole Robinson, Milwaukee OR
- 1E Pat Carroll, Tualatin OR; Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA
- 2E Lois Garner – Carole Starr, Portland OR
- 3-4E/1F Steve Parker – Tara McMahon, Portland OR
- 3-4E Mary Murphy, Wilsonville OR; Dixie Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR
- 2F Isabel Knostman – Fredrick Knostman, Vancouver WA
- 3F Debra Platt – Amy Lowes, Portland OR

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1A Terrance Hill – Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
- 2A/1B/C Marion Hull – Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR
- 3A/2B/C Mark Gardner, Beaverton OR; Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR
- 3B/C James Anstine – Judy Huston, Vancouver WA

Tuesday Evening Side Swiss Teams (4 teams)

- 1A Kathleen Mather – Janie Pearcy – Mariam Saner – Dick McCluer, Vancouver WA
- 1B Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Frank Straulemann – Margi Redden, Portland OR; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Wednesday Open Pairs (52 pairs)

- 1A Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON
- 2A Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 3A Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 1B/C Stephen Rasmussen, Beaverton OR; Paul Reeves, Tigard OR
- 2B Teresa Duewer – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 3B/C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 3C Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR; Robert Miller, Haines AK

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs (40 pairs)

- 1C/E Linda Rountree, Lake Oswego OR; Paula Koeller, Portland OR
- 2C/E Beth Unger – John Seibert, Portland OR
- 3C David Peoples, Moses Lake WA; Patsy Neveau, Coeur D'Alene ID
- 3D/1E Eric He – Edward He, Bellevue WA

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1A/B Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA
- 2A Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA
- 3-4A/2B/1C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 3-4A Paul Darin – Raymond Sachs, San Diego CA
- 3B Ronald Fleming, Spokane WA; Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2C Nobi Morris, Wenatchee WA; Lynda Lipe, Bellevue WA
- 3C Perry Cowgill – Blythe Bartlett, Vashon WA

Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 2A Kerry Cotterell, Freeland WA; Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA
- 3A Les Fouks, Vancouver BC; Douglas West, Long Beach WA
- 1B Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 2B Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Brian Thomas, Portland OR
- 3B Kathleen Vask, Camas WA; Guher Erbil, Vancouver WA
- 1C Craig Dulong – Linda Medina, Vancouver WA
- 2C Carl Abbott, Kamloops BC; Bonnie Nacklely, Woodacre CA
- 3C Thomas Mark – Richard Brown, Portland OR

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1D Marla Kleinman – Tom Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D Nancy Rilling, Portland OR; Susan Brown, Beaverton OR
- 3D/1E Stephen Kingsbury, Beaverton OR; Louise Lauman, Lake Oswego OR
- 2E Robert Bolin – Louis Lauman, Lake Oswego OR
- 3E/1F Shel Brandenburger, Puyallup WA; Don Hilmer, Portland OR
- 2F Leanne Lucas, Portland OR; Bill Lide, Vancouver WA
- 3F Judith Masterson, Camas WA; Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1A Paul Darin – Raymond Sachs, San Diego CA
- 2A Wesley Kuhlman – Shirley Kuhlman, Federal Way WA
- 3A Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA
- 1B Paul Bartron – Steve Gillett, Tacoma WA
- 2B Miriam Witters – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 3B Gay Jungemann, Vashon WA; Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA

Wednesday Evening Open Swiss Teams . . . (9 teams)

- 1A/C Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Carol Harms – Richard Garvin – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
- 2A/B Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Linda Hann, Roseburg OR; Katherine Morris – Richard Morris, Beaverton OR
- 3A/B Christopher Class – D Santilli – K Eiden, Sequim WA; Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA

Wednesday Evening 0-2500 Swiss Teams . . (12 teams)

- 1D Bill McGeary – Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA; David Baer, Seattle WA; Paul Conroy, Aberdeen WA
- 2D/1E Donna Andrews – Connie Sloper – Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR; Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR
- 3D Ann Romeo, Seattle WA; Judy Davis – Tom Sands – Patty Sands, Beaverton OR
- 2E/1F Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA; Claudia Kemper – Debbie Grasham – Jack Grasham, Brookings OR
- 3E Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA; John Thomas, Eugene OR; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA
- 2F Lynn Perey, Beaverton OR; Patrick Howard, Tigard OR; Carol Schmid – Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR

Thursday, Feb. 20

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 1 (13 teams)

- 1 Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; James Slinger, Corralitos CA; Leszek Rabiaga, Watsonville CA; Edward Wojewoda, Tempe AZ
- 2 Randy Pickett – Eric Stoltz – John Lusk, Portland OR; Mark Tolliver, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 Julie Nadel, Santa Barbara CA; Brenda Keller – Bruce Ferguson, Las Vegas NV; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- Ed Ulman, Portland OR; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV

Vancouver Mon-Tues KO Bracket 2 (14 teams)

- 1 Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR; Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR; Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA
- 2 Ron Root – Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR; Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR; Tubu Unlu, Portland OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR
- 3-4 Karen Hudesman – Donald Stark – Paul Wayne English – Steve Estvanik, Seattle WA

- 3-4 Cynthia Sinn, Lake Oswego OR; Dena Senn, Beaverton OR; Carol Kilmer – Elinor Hood, Portland OR

Vancouver Mon-Tues KO Bracket 3 (16 teams)

- 1 Layne Benben – Cookie Hegge – Nancy Swanson, Portland OR; Terry Strand, Lake Oswego OR
- 2 Kamlesh Batra – Shiv Batra – Tim White – Renae White, Mercer Island WA
- 3-4 Gerald Brown – Pauline Bullert – Krista Kabacy, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA
- 3-4 Judith Stewart – Ann Grill – Susan Taylor, Vancouver WA; Wende Keirsey, Ridgefield WA

Vancouver Mon-Tues KO Bracket 4 (15 teams)

- 1 Kristin Steinmetz – Kathleen Hart – Mark Jansa – Fran Henry- Jansa, Portland OR
- 2 Steve Tubbs – Susan O'Hara – James Anstine – Judy Huston, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 Nancy Jonske – Diane Mackenzie – Diane Knudsen, Portland OR; Ann Moore, Beaverton OR
- 3-4 Cynthia Brogan, Vancouver WA; Charles Mead – Phyllis Newland – Timothy Newland, Sequim WA

Thursday Open Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1A Jay Roll, Kelso WA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA
- 2A John Ashton, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 3A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Jeff McKee, Cleveland TX
- 1B Bill McGeary – Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 2B/1C Matt Smith, Victoria BC; Marie Ashton, Portland OR
- 3B Eileen Milligan – Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR
- 2C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 3C Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC; James Madison, Cheney WA

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1C Ellen Kohjima – David Erickson, Tacoma WA
- 2-4C Don Pitt, Salem OR; Sue Bradford, Dallas OR
- 2-4C Carroll Vaughan – Fred Vaughan, Federal Way WA
- 2-4C/1D/E James Esterkin, Portland OR; John Bannister, Otter Rock OR
- 2D/E Jean-Pierre Perchellet – Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR
- 3D/E Jim Leiren, Tumwater WA; Alice Arnold, Shelton WA

Thursday A/X/Y Swiss Teams (19 teams)

- 1A Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
- 2A Robert Johnson, Beaverton OR; David Roselle, Kirkland WA; David Brower, Portland OR; Ray Miller, Seattle WA
- 3-4A/1X Donald Tofté – Edward Lee – Irva Neyhart, Portland OR; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
- 3-4A Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; July Ratley, Redding CA
- 2X/1Y John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR; Paul Bartron – Steve Gillett, Tacoma WA
- 3X Andrew Dubay – William Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Kerry Cotterell, Freeland WA; Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA
- 2Y Debbie Martignago, Coquitlam BC; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC; John Cox, Saint Maries ID

Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Teams Bkt 1 . . . (9 teams)

- 1 Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger – David Partridge – John Wolf, Eugene OR
- 2 Rosemary Segall – Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield – James Hurlburt, Bend OR
- 3 Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden – Gene Hval, Portland OR

Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Teams Bkt 2 . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Christopher Class – D. Santilli – K. Eiden, Sequim WA; Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA
- 2 Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR; David Muller, Vancouver WA; Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA
- 3 Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR; Connie Sloper – Donna Andrews – Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR

Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Teams Bkt 3 . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA; Carl Abbott, Kamloops BC; James Lynch, Bremerton WA; Douglas Johnson, Gig Harbor WA
- 2 Lynn Perey, Beaverton OR; Carol Schmid – Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR; Patrick Howard, Tigard OR
- 3 Janice Smith – Wendy Mednick, Portland OR; Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR

Wed-Thurs Evening Gold Rush Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1C Carroll Vaughan – Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA
- 2C Brad Johnson – Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA

Thursday Morning Side Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A Jeff Reynolds – Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 2A Andrew Dubay – William Dubay, Voorheesville NY
- 3A/1B Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON
- 2B Brad Kalweit, Olympia WA; Helen Miller, Tumwater WA
- 3B/1C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 2C Patsy Neveau, Coeur D'Alene ID; Barry Heller, Burbank CA

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs (34 pairs)

- 1A Shirley Kuhlman – Wesley Kuhlman, Federal Way WA
- 2A Linda Redman, Portland OR; Patricia Swan, Bremerton WA
- 3A Ethel Birnbach – Jamie Sparks, Portland OR
- 1B Ray Lowe – Jane Lowe, Astoria OR
- 2B Daryl Sallaz, Boise ID; Patsy Neveau, Coeur D'Alene ID
- 3B Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 1C Denise Anthony – Michael Anthony, Terrace BC
- 2C Perry Cowgill – Blythe Bartlett, Vashon WA
- 3C Bruce Goldwater – Karen Goldwater, Lake Oswego OR

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1D/F Mary Gilbert, Beaverton OR; Susan Circone, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D/F Leanne Lucas – Charles Jenney, Portland OR
- 3D/E Dean Gray, Van Couver WA; Gary Bowers, Vancouver WA
- 3F Fredrick Knostman – Isabel Knostman, Vancouver WA

Thursday Evening Side Game (14 pairs)

- 1A Tom McKenna, Portland OR; Bob Robbins, Reno NV
- 2A/1B Miriam Witters – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 3A/2B Andrew Dashkov, Beaverton OR; Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR

Side Series

Morning Side Series (109 players)

- 1-2 Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA; Kerry Cotterell, Freeland WA
- 3 Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA

Evening Side Series (162 players)

- 1-2 Raymond Sachs – Paul Darin, San Diego CA
- 3 Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC

Bracket 2



Ron Root, Dick Morris, Katherine Morris, Dwayne Brackhahn

Bracket 3



Noeline Myers, Becky McKenzie, Ann Larson, Mary Alice Seville

Bracket 4



David Partridge, John Wolf, Harriett Kessinger, Terry Nagel

Tuesday Swiss Teams



John Ashton, Marie Ashton, Matt Smith, Irene Pickett, Dennis Metcalf

A/X/Y

B Bracket 2



Janice Smith, Wendy Mednick, Sheryl Williams, Bernie Widolff

Vancouver Wednesday-Thursday Knockout



Amy Casanova, Paul Wrigley, Tim Rilling, Don Herring

Bracket 2

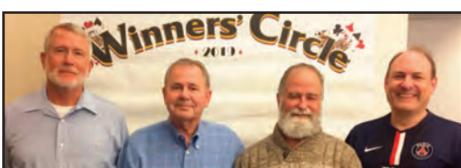
Jim Elliott Memorial Fri-Sat Knockout



Geoff Turley, Elliott Turley, Jennifer Elliott, Marc Zwierling

Bracket 2

Bracket 4



Randy Naef, Mike Green, Neil Swanson, James Weider

Saturday Swiss Teams



Eurydice Nours, Stephen Peel, Inez Weiss; not pictured Judy Goldsmith

B Bracket 1

B Bracket 2



Kevin Kacmarynski, Henri Jansen, Gene Hval, Louis Beauchet



Chris's Corner

ACBL tournament director
Chris Wiegand answers your
questions on rulings.

Comparable calls

Q: I am a club director who is still having a hard time with this new “comparable call” thing. What is a comparable call and how do I rule on these?

A: You are not alone in your confusion about the new Law 23; the ACBL has provided some videos featuring national directors and other documents that go into details on some of the ins and outs of the topic (<https://tinyurl.com/saasqeq>).

In the previous version of the Laws (2007), there was a change to the insufficient bid law (from 1997 Laws). Prior to the 2007 Laws, when an insufficient bid was made and either the insufficient bid or the lowest sufficient bid in the same denomination could have been artificial, the offender's partner would be barred (required to pass) for the remainder of the auction. As an example, a player opens 2NT and the next hand passes.

Partner mistakenly thinks opener bid 1NT, so bids 2♥ (an artificial bid) as a transfer to spades, which is insufficient over the actual 2NT bid. Prior to 2007, if the call was not accepted by the next player, the 2NT opener would be barred from the remainder of the auction and the responder would be doing a lot of guessing as to what the proper contract would be (3NT? 4♠? 6NT? 6♠?). Any of these calls would be legal for responder to make, but bridge is a partnership game. This is just guesswork!

The 2007 Laws Commission realized that there were times when it would be appropriate to allow the offender to make a legal call that has the same or more precise meaning than the withdrawn insufficient call and still allow the auction to proceed normally. In the example above, surely hands that would have bid 2♥ over 1NT would bid 3♥ (transfer to spades) over 2NT. The 2NT opener can glean little if any information from the fact that partner originally attempted to transfer at the two level. Since the replaced call had the same or similar meaning (a transfer to spades), 2007 Law 27B1b allowed the auction to continue relatively normally from that point forward.

In the 2017 Laws, this concept of “same or more precise meaning” was given a specific name of “comparable call” and defined precisely in the new law 23. It was also expanded to apply (potentially) to both insufficient bids (as in 2007 Laws) and calls out of rotation (new to 2017 Laws). Again, it is an attempt to get a “real” auction and a “real” bridge result when possible, but it is not always possible. We can attempt to have a real auction, but it is frequently the case that no comparable call is available; sometimes players and directors try to force a comparable call into a situation where none is available. Don't try to “push” for a comparable call; the insufficient bid (27) and call out of rotation (30, 31 and 32) laws give plenty of guidance about what to do when a comparable call is not available. If it would be easy for offender's partner to know something about offender's hand only because of the withdrawn call, and not strictly due to a call under consideration for being comparable, then the new call is not comparable.

A couple of tips:

♦ An offender does not have to make a comparable call just like they do not have to replace an insufficient bid with a sufficient one. If they have a sufficient bid



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

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Chico Almond Blossom Sectional
Rogue Valley Spring Sectional

Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis OR
Chico Women's Club, Chico CA
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

APRIL 2020

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Eugene 299er Sectional
Ontario Sectional
Redding Spring Sectional
Seaside Sectional
Golden Clam I/N Regional
GNT Championship & Flight B
Nampa-Caldwell Spring Sectional

Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
Emerald Bridge Club, Springfield OR
Four Rivers Cultural Center, Ontario OR
Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
Online at various locations
Idaho First Bank, McCall ID

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15 – 17
29 – 31

GNT Flights A & C
District 20 STaC
ORE. HIGH DESERT REGIONAL
Honolulu Sectional
Portland Spring Sectional

Online at various locations
Local clubs
Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Milwaukie Elks Lodge, Milwaukie OR

JUNE 2020

5 – 7
26 – 28

Eugene Sectional
Ace of Clubs Summer Sectional

Northwest Christian University, Eugene OR
The Ace of Clubs, Lake Oswego OR

JULY 2020

10 – 12
10 – 12

Honolulu Sectional
Salem Sectional

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Keizer/Salem Area Seniors, Keizer OR

July 27 – Aug. 2

TREASURE VALLEY REGIONAL

Nampa Civic Center, Nampa ID

AUGUST 2020

14 – 16

Vancouver Summer Sectional

Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

SEPTEMBER 2020

11 – 13
11 – 13
11 – 13
18 – 20
25 – 27

Eureka Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
Portland Fall Sectional
Rogue Valley Fall Sectional
Boise Sectional

Humboldt Area Foundation, Bayside CA
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Milwaukie Elks Lodge, Milwaukie OR
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
Red Lion Hotel Downtowner, Boise ID

Sept. 28 – Oct. 4

OREGON COAST REGIONAL

Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

OCTOBER 2020

17 – 18
23 – 25
29 – Nov. 1

Vancouver Fall I/N Sectional
Gold Country Sectional
Central Oregon Coast Sectional

Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
Shilo Inn, Newport OR

NOVEMBER 2020

6 – 8
7
7 – 8
13 – 15
14 – 15

Redding Fall Sectional
Rogue Valley I/N Sectional
Corvallis 299er Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
Vancouver Fall Sectional

Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

DECEMBER 2020

7 – 13

District 20 STaC

Local clubs

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

April 6–12
April 21–23
April 24–26
April 30–May 3
May 16–27
May 22–25
June 15–21
June 22–28
Aug. 17–23

Vancouver Regional, Burnaby BC
Yakima Sectional WA
Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
Sequim Sectional WA
Seattle Sectional, Bothell WA
Penticton Regional BC
Anchorage Regional AK
Puget Sound Regional, Lynnwood WA

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

March 24–27
April 4–5
April 18–19
April 25–26
May 1–3
May 15–17
May 25–31
June 27–28
Sept. 1–7
Oct. 5–11

Reno Sectional, Sparks NV
Modesto Sectional CA
Larkspur Sectional CA
San Ramon Sectional CA
Sacramento Sectional, Orangevale CA
Monterey Sectional, Marina CA
Sacramento Regional CA
Oakland Sectional CA
All Western Regional, Santa Clara CA
Reno Regional, Sparks NV

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

March 27–29
April 13–19
May 11–17
June 5–7
June 26–28
Aug. 10–16
Sept. 7–13

Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Lethbridge Regional AB
Salt Lake City Regional UT
Bozeman Sectional MT
Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Edmonton Regional AB
Great Falls Regional MT

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

April 24–26
May 1–3
May 19–25
June 5–7
Aug. 10–16
Sept. 28–Oct. 4

Scottsdale Sectional & I/N Regional AZ
Santa Fe Sectional NM
Denver Regional CO
Albuquerque Sectional NM
Phoenix Regional, Scottsdale AZ
Taos Regional NM

DISTRICT 22: acblidistrict22.com/d22

April 6–12
June 5–7
Sept. 7–13
Oct. 26–Nov. 1

San Diego Regional CA
Garden Grove Sectional CA
Costa Mesa Regional CA
Ventura Regional CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 19–29

July 16–26

Nov. 26 – Dec. 6

March 11–21

Spring 2020

Summer 2020

Fall 2020

Spring 2021

Convention Center, Columbus OH

Palais des Congrès, Montreal QC

Convention Center, Tampa FL

Renaissance Grand, St. Louis MO