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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Carpooling in LA

by Mike Marcucci, District 23 President



It is a natural tendency in our personalities to solve problems. But there are so many to solve that some make our heads spin. How to convince players to “present” the Bridgemate to the opponent in a polite manner, rather than throwing it at them! How to call the Direc-

tor in a manner that does not incense others! How to discuss a mistake without being critical! A combo of personality, talent, knowledge, desire, patience, etc is needed on all of these and many books can be written on each. Maybe some have solutions and others do not – given that players have free will and may choose to behave differently on different days. We bridge players think about problems like this because we encounter them on a frequent basis. Believe it or not, for today I’m going to write about something that may actually be solvable and leave those that could be discussed ad infinitum to other days. Nothing is easy, but how about today’s subject?

How many times have you driven to a bridge tournament alone? I’m going to take a cue from the times I drive on an LA freeway and what I observe to be the number of cars in my lane vs those in the “diamond” lanes. Would anyone argue that the ratio is 20:1? 50:1? 100:1? My experience is that I drive alone a lot. Every time I do that, it is because my partner lives in a different part of the city than I do or they want to go at a different time or day than when I travel. But why am I alone? It is invariably because I don’t know anyone else from my area who is going to the tournament! Sounds like a problem that is juicy for discussion!

We should be able to carpool to every tournament we attend. I would not think that anyone would mind company in the car. Many great bridge discussions happen when folks are together in a confined space. They

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Two Big Ideas - Out of Ten

by Kevin Lane, District Director



*Bridge is a game
and should be fun*

Our new CEO Bahar Gadwani has energized the organization with optimism and fresh thinking. In May Bahar announced a plan to present the board of directors a list of ten big ideas for discussion before and at the fall NABC in San Diego. Bahar delivered.

The ACBL board of directors has received extensive analysis and proposals in ten different areas. Our role is to provide feedback on which ideas merit funding the most. My observation is that the Horn Lake team has worked hard to take an initial list of hundreds of ideas, cull them down to a manageable number of functional areas and provide some hard data and analysis to promote sound decision making.

Rather than go through all ten ideas at once, I have picked out two ideas that piqued my interest. I welcome feedback. Please understand that there are limited funds so that it's not necessarily practical to say “all these ideas are great; let's do them all.”

Redistribute Tournament Activity

The central idea here is that our current tournament structure of regionals, sectionals, StaCs and other special events may not be effective. The stagnating or declining tablecounts at regionals and sectionals may be a harbinger of problems.

In 2016, the ACBL ran 131 regionals, 910 sectionals, and 89 STaCs. In addition, the ACBL runs all sort of special games at clubs in addition to GNT and NAP competitions and three national tournaments.

I have advocated for investigating and changing our tournaments so I welcome any effort to organize our tournaments better. District 23 is unique in that we are the only district – or one of a very few districts – that

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may actually make sense when wine is not involved. I would wager money that many players do not attend tournaments around LA because they do not want to drive or cannot drive! Is there a way to help these fellow players who would really like to be playing rather than sitting at home? That is what we need to talk about. First of all, whose problem is it?

What are our choices for that answer? The individual, a nearby club, the player's Unit, the District, and ACBL are all possible choices for a solution. Normally I would say it is up to the player to take care of his own needs, but let us take a radical approach here and ask whether the Unit might help instead. Yes, 20 phone calls and an hour of discussion might lead to finding 3 other players for ride-sharing. But what are the chances you want to do that each time you have a desire to share? We discussed the need for a solution to ride-sharing at the last Tournament Committee meeting. It was left as a great idea that someone needed to work on. We had no volunteer, so I am proposing at least a starting point.

One of the charter purposes of your Unit (do you know which Unit you are in??) is to promote bridge

among the players in their geographical area. Have you ever asked what they actually do for you? Your Clubs probably do the most for you day-to-day. They try to provide an attractive location for your game and a friendly atmosphere for play. A Club is usually an easy drive. (No laughing, you Valley folks!) Tournament organizers try to do the same, at both the Unit and District level. Driving may be a little harder. That is a problem to overcome if you wish to take advantage of that larger competitive group, the higher MP awards, and those pigmented points you desire for advancement and prestige.

Here is an opportunity for the D23 Units to provide a welcome service for their players. Some kind of sign-up service on a website can be the start of a discussion at the next board meetings. I ask that it be put on everyone's agenda. I do not have a perfect solution but I think something is possible and should be attempted. I'll bet that there are 20-30 players before every Sectional or Regional who decide not to attend because they do not have a driving solution available. What a benefit for all of us if all those players sitting at home were offered a ride solution. The crazy thing about that solution is that all that is needed is the information sharing on those

players who are already going and driving alone.

To those folks who say this is a District problem to solve, I disagree. Players who live close together are the ones who will ride-share. Most likely, players in the same unit. If each Unit will put their heads together and come up with a workable first step and a trial run for their next Sectional, the District can then spread that idea to all our Units in LA.

I hope that each BOD can see that an effort here would be worthwhile. More players from other Units would attend your Sectional if driving was not a show-stopper. More players from all Units might attend Regionals if driving was not a show-stopper.

I look forward to seeing ideas at work. There's nothing I would like more than to fill those other 3 seats in my Jeep for my next tournament. I think I have enough coffee holders and I know I would appreciate the company. Just do not get me talking, because then I miss exits and we might be late! It has happened before and is very embarrassing to the driver.

Off to Seaside in a few days. No - I cannot give anyone a ride. See you at the tables when I get back. In the meantime, happy trails.

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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL

Glendale, CA
Dec 26 - 31 2017



TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pile up your Gold Points with Gold Rush Pairs and New 0-3000 Bracketed Swiss Teams
New Turbo Swiss, Turbo Pairs - Wednesday to Friday!
All Turbo games will finish by 12:15!
299er games every afternoon!
Star Speakers before every evening session!
Early New Year Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 30!



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(please refer to ALACBU)
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by Monday, Dec. 4th
Self parking: \$5

Card fees: \$14 (\$18 for non-ACBL Members)

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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL

Glendale, CA
Dec 26 - 31 2017

Tuesday, Dec 26, 2017	
Aft Side Game Series (1 of 5)	2:00 pm
299er Pairs (single session)	2:00 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Stratified Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
PM Side Game Series (1 of 4)	7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 27, 2017	
AM Turbo Side Game Series (1 of 4)	9:15 am
AULD LANG SYNE KO (1 & 2 of 4)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
MARVIN GRABEL A/B/C Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
299er Pairs (single session)	1:00 pm
Aft Side Game Series (2 of 5)	1:00 pm
Guest Lecture	6:15 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7:00 pm
PM Side Game Series (2 of 4)	7:00 pm

Thursday, Dec 28, 2017	
AM Turbo Side Game Series (2 of 4)	9:15 am
UNIT 553 Turbo Swis (1 of 2)	9:15 am
AULD LANG SYNE KO (3 & 4 of 4)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
PETER SZECSI KO (1 & 2 of 4)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
BERNIE MATEER A/B/C Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
299er Pairs (single session)	1:00 pm
Aft Side Game Series (3 of 5)	1:00 pm
Guest Lecture	6:15 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7:00 pm
PM Side Game Series (3 of 4)	7:00 pm

Friday, Dec 29, 2016	
AM Turbo Side Game Series (3 of 4)	9:15 am
UNIT 553 Turbo Swis (2 of 2)	9:15 am
PETER SZECSI KO (3 & 4 of 4)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (1 & 2 of 2)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
UNIT 559 Stratified Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
299er Pairs (single session)	1:00 pm
Aft Side Game Series (4 of 5)	1:00 pm
Guest Lecture	6:15 pm
PM Side Game Series (4 of 4)	7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 30, 2017	
AM Side Game Series (4 of 4)	10:00 am
299er Pairs (single session)	10:00 pm
Tux and Yalis Compact KO (1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 pm & 3:00 pm
TERRY SCOTT Memorial Stratified Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Aft Side Game Series (5 of 5)	3:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	3:00 pm
ALACBU New Years Party	6:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 31, 2017	
MORRIS LORBER Stratified Fast Pairs (1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & TBA
UNIT 556 Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10:00 am & TBA
Bracketed 0-3000 Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10:00 am & TBA

Entry Fees for Sunday Swiss:
\$60 per pair. \$120 per team.
Boxed Lunch Included.

Stratified Games: 0-750/750-2000/2000+
A/B/C Pairs: 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+
Gold Rush: 0-100/100-300/300-750
299er Pairs: 0-100/100-200/200-300
A/X Swiss: 0-5000/5000+

Bracketed 0-3000 Swiss:
No player may have over 3000 MP.
Bracketed by average point holding of the team.
Top three teams in each bracket win gold.

Bracketed KO Teams:
Bracketed by average masterpoints holding.
The top bracket may be handicapped.



Event Colors
299ers: Gold
Teams: Green
Pairs: Blue
Breaks: Lectures or Special Events

Around the Units in District 23



Long Beach by Jon Yinger

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www.LongBeachBridge.com

August 27 Unit Game: Overall results: 1st in A: Wenjia Yan/Walt Schafer, 2nd Jackie Hess/Verna Baccus, 3rd Luis Gamio/Steve Mager, 4th Miriam Betram/Robert Micone, 5th Robert Gish/Jon Yinger, 6th Christine Frumen/Betty Witteried. In the B flight overalls: 2nd Barbara Shuping/Paul Pettler, 3rd Larry Slutsky/Phyllis Greenstein, 4th Fern Dunbar/Henfi Erten, 5/6 tie between Fay Beckerman/Sherry Troeger and Wayne Rapp/Judith Jones. In the C flight overalls: 1st Tim Janik/Ralph Brunson, 2nd Jenny Ernest/Julie Deluccio, 3rd John Hagman/Alan Olschwang, 4th Hillel Weinbaum/Barbara Glass. In the 199er game Lillian Slater/Dan Frank were 1st and Carolyn Byrnes/ Jason Smith were 2nd. Congratulations to all!

70+% Games August 16 through Sept 15: In the open game Sept 6 Kevin Lane/George Welsh had 71.99%, and the open game Sept 9 Peggy Waite/Jon Yinger had 70%. Congratulations to both pairs!

Big Masterpoint Awards August 16 through Sept 15: In the evening game August 18 Iftikahr Baqai/Mitch Dunitz won 3.19mp for 1st. In the unit game August 27 Walt Schafer/Wenjia Yan won 4.23mp for 1st, Jackie Hess/Verna Baccus 3.17mp for 2nd. In the evening game August 30 Cathy Bauer/Walt Schafer won 3.19mp for 1st. In open games: August 31 Loren Hilf/Phyllis Parker won 3.94mp for 1st. Sept 11 Baum Harris/Loren Hilf won 3.50mp for 1st. Sept 12 Baum Harris/John Bralliar won 4.67mp for 1st, Mark Tang/Chiye Horiguchi 3.50mp for 2nd. Sept 13 John and Suzy Hand won 3.65mp for 1st, John Berg/Larry Topper 3.21mp for 2nd. Sept 15 Jackie Hess/Wayne Otsuki won 4.67mp

for 1st, Mark Tang/John Bralliar 3.50mp for 2nd. Congratulations to all!

New Club Members: Libby Tigner, David Hoyt, Linda Lane, Marcia Myers. Welcome to the club!

Status Changes: New Junior Masters: Carolyn Byrnes, Katharine Seibert, Lillian Slater. New Sectional Master: Vincent Vilker. New Advanced NABC Master: William Dilks. New Life Master: Sally Fenton. New Bronze Life Master: Dixie Albright. New Gold Life Master: Jo Melis. Congratulations to you all!

Get Well Wishes to Debra Skinner and Mary Thomas

Upcoming Events at the Club

Oct 8-14: Club Appreciation Week. Extra points; regular card fees.

Oct 15: Sunday Swiss Teams: 1pm.

Oct 20: George's unit-rated spaghetti dinner. Game 4:15 pm, dinner 6pm.

Oct 24: Unit Game. 1pm. Card fees \$8. Dessert served during the game.

Oct 25: Instant Matchpoint Game: 12:30 pm.

News from Leisure World Bridge Clubs

Judy Carter-Johnson

Club Championship Game: August 19--Club-house #1 Howard Smith/Joyce Henderson 1 in A, 1 in B. Dorothy Favre/Bud Parish 2 in A, 2 in B. Judith Jones/Al Appel 3 in A. Pamela Cole/Alan Olschwang 4 in A, 3 in B. Jack Dampman/George Koehm 5 in A, 4 in B, 1 in C. Joyce Basch/Fred Reker 2 in C.

Club Championship Game: August 21--Club-house #3 Dorothy Favre/Fred Reker 1 in A. Fay Beckerman/Betty Jackson 2 in A. Larry Slutsky/Bill Linskey 3 in A. Judith Jones/Al Appel 4 in A. Joan and Ted Wieber 5 in A, 1 in B. Monica and Paul Honey 6 in A, 2 in B. Richard Norris/Ron Yaffee 3 in B, 1 in C. Sandy Mc Cullough/Melaine Smith 4 in B. Coorie Dampman/George Alemshah 5 in B. Jane Gibbons/ →

Thuan Gwynn 2 in C. Louise Seifert/Stan Johnson 3 in C.

Get Well to Gene Yaffee

Congratulations to the following members who participated in and did well at the Costa Mesa Regional 9/4 - 9/10: Russell Gray, Joan Tschirki, Louise Seifert, Stan Johnson, Sylvia Kaprelyan, Betty Jackson and Linda Nye.



Pomona Covina by Tom Lill

Unit Game: Sat, Oct 21, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.-ish
Individual: Sat, October 7, 9:30 a.m., La Verne

In the September Unit game, Dan Botoaca – Amr Elghamry again took overall honors, but this month we held them down to “only” 67%. Bill Papa – Vic Sartor were second, Lulu and Fredy Minter were third, Penny Barbieri – Yours Truly were fourth (and first in B). Timothy and Eileen Finlay took first in C (second in B). In the September Individual, Yours Truly took the top spot (after a very long absence therefrom, we might add). Looking upward were, in order, Clint Lew, Linda Tessier, and Penny Barbieri. Next month’s Individual is the finale of the annual championship series, and is also a Club Appreciation game. (It pays extra masterpoints, but not too many, because of the disrespect paid to Individual game.)

The fight for the top score was a close one this month. Fredy and Lulu Minter’s 72.9%-er just edged out Vic Sartor and Bill Papa’s 72.6% game. The doldrums of August kept the game sizes down this past month, but we do have some other winners: Gino Barbieri, Hanan Mogharbel, Penny Barbieri, Richard Paterson, Kurt Trieselmann, and Ken Bloomfield.

We have four promotions to report this month: Josephine Danels has become a Club Master; Kai Liu is a Regional Master; and Amr Elghamry is now a Sapphire Life Master (and perhaps is now cheered on by the Kingfish? Holy Mackerel!) Eileen Finlay earned that coveted Gold Card and is now a Life Master. Congratulations to you all.

Final reminder – our annual two-session Champi-

onship Game, and Unit Board elections, are both scheduled for Saturday, October 21. Between sessions, we will be going to lunch (dinner?) at Sergio’s in Glendora, and will be holding our annual membership meeting there. Please, please let us know if you will be attending lunch, and if you plan to play the second session. For our Hand of the Month, we return, after a long absence, to the Laurel and Hardy School of Bridge. As dealer, no one vulnerable, playing 2/1, you pick up this rather nice hand: ♠K7 ♥A ♦A52 ♣AKQT652.

You could open 2♣, but when your suit is a minor, that can lead to trouble. It’s likely that someone is going to have an overcall of some sort, if partner can’t respond, so you open 1♣. The opponents are mercifully silent (for a change). Partner responds 1NT. Just what you wanted to hear. Normally, partner will be 3=3=3=4 to make that call, so 6♣ certainly is a likely resting place. However, partner would need perfect cards: ♠A and either red king, and how do you find out? If you invoke the ole’ Black, you might wind up in 6♣ willy-nilly. You could invent a phony reverse into 2♦, but is that going to help? You would expect to hear a correction to 3♣ anyway, telling you nothing new. So 3NT it is.

Partner now calls 4♥! Among the other three players, you included, this provokes the biggest case of eye-bulge ever recorded outside of a strip-joint. What do you do now? (Just as a side note: you have no UI from partner’s body language. Not that you would take advantage of it, of course...)

Pass, of course. When two calls are inconsistent with each other, there’s no telling what’s going on, but you might as well trust partner. You may lose the board but you’ll at least win the post-mortem.

Making 6. Partner, evidently suffering a major brain cramp, figured he could bid his hearts after your response to the forcing 1NT. Too bad the opening bid wasn’t 1♠, of course. Partner’s hand:

♠JT2 ♥KQ8763 ♦QJ6 ♣8.

Just for the record, partner made 6 when, after the opening lead of a small spade, your LHO ducked the ♠A. Evidently he was still in shock from the auction. At other tables, 3NT made 4, as did 3♣ (don’t ask me).

Since we celebrate Halloween this month, here’s an exhibit from our Chamber of Horrors. In fourth seat, no one vulnerable, you are looking at

♠QJT98 ♥xx ♦Jxx ♣xx

Bleah. Too bad you’re not playing poker. LHO opens 1♦, partner overcalls 1NT (15-18), and RHO →

puts the 2♣ card on the table. Systems are on... do you transfer to 2♠?

Seems quite reasonable, doesn't it? Too bad. 2♠ buys the contract. The opening lead is a small diamond. LHO wins the ♦A, cashes the ♣A, and the opponents take the next 6 tricks on a club-diamond cross ruff. (That's the only time trumps divided evenly all day, of course.) Down 2 before you even get started, where-upon dummy is high except for declarer's blocking ♠A. Some days, it just doesn't pay to get out of bed.

Quote for the Month: "A woman's dress should be like a barbed-wire fence: serving its purpose without obstructing the view." (Sophia Loren)

Until next month ...



Santa Clarita- Antelope Valley by Beth Morrin

This year's Magic Mountain Sectional was held on September 16th and 17th at the Friendly Valley Auditorium in Santa Clarita. It was a great success with a total of 76 tables.

Sonja Plahn Open Pairs (Saturday a.m.)

- 1 Jeffrey Goldsmith & Ellen Anten - 64.00%
- 2 Bill Brodek & John Langer - 62.28%
- 3 Carolyn Cohen & Thomas Lolli - 60.22%
- 4 Paul Markarian & Craig Kavim - 59.33%
- 5 Thomas Jones & Barbara Jones - 58.39%

Saturday AM Limited MP Pairs

- 1 Richard Ruby & Joanne Meyer - 60.21%
- 2 Carol Trenda & Gary Trenda - 58.12%
- 3 Rosalee McEntyre & Phoebe Evans - 53.96%
- 4/5 Tom Day & Jackie Moor - 51.87%
- 4/5 Carol Underwood & Hal Underwood - 51.87%

Nell Shantz Open Pairs (Saturday p.m.)

- 1 Paul Markarian & Craig Kavim - 61.70%
- 2 Jeffrey Goldsmith & Ellen Anten - 61.06%
- 3 Gilbert Stinebaugh & Donald Crum - 58.97%
- 4 David Chuan & Alex Chen - 56.41%
- 5 Lamonte Johnson & Ted Maki - 55.93%

Saturday PM Limited MP Pairs:

- 1 Cheri Bitar & Lynn Edelson - 62.04%
- 2 Carol Underwood & Hal Underwood - 61.57%
- 3 Aggi Oschin & Sharon Hoelscher - 49.07%

Hansford Rowe Swiss Open - Sunday

- 1 Alexander Kolesnik, Sharon Beynon, Roberto Scaramuzzi and Finn Kolesnik
- 2 Fredy Minter, Lulu Minter Amr Elghamry, Joseph Viola
- 3 Rebecca Clough, Roger Clough, Robert Bass, Andrew Vinock
- 4 Craig Kavim, Mike Savage, Ellen Anten, Steve Gross
- 5 Jeffrey Goldsmith, Paul Markarian, Robert Shore, Mark Leonard
- 6 Carol Provost, Beverly McLeod, Bernard Seal, John Vacca

Western Conference STaC Results

Monday Afternoon, Santa Clarita, August 21

- 1 Lamonte Johnson & Ted Maki - 65.68%
- 2 Russ Buker & Carol Provost - 65.42%
- 3 Roshen Hadulla & Arif Shah - 64.77%
- 4 Carol Trenda & Gary Trenda - 62.08%

Western Conference STaC Results

Tuesday Evening, Santa Clarita, August 22

- 1 Bill Brodek & Robert McBroom - 69.05%
- 2 Ruth Baker & Elaine Moore - 58.63%
- 3 Donna Davidson & Rand Pinsky - 56.85%
- 4 Paul Gill & Roy Ladd - 56.25%

Western Conference STaC Results

Castaic, Thursday Morning, August 24

- 1 George MacDonald - Arif Shah - 61.11%
- 2 Lamonte Johnson - Richard Stark - 58.33%
- 3 Kathy Swaine - Rand Pinsky - 56.94%
- 4 Bill Brodek - Roy Ladd - 52.31%

Western Conference STaC Results

Friday Afternoon, Joshua Tree, August 25

- 1 Kathy Swaine - Rand Pinsky - 70.83%
- 2 Kay Aiken - Phoebe Evans - 58.80%
- 3/4 George Lewis - Hal Underwood - 56.02%
- 3/4 Sharry Vida - Beth Morrin - 56.02%

Sunday Afternoon, Joshua Tree, August 27

- 1 Russ Buker & Barbara York - 63.43%
- 2 Hal Underwood & Charles Morrin - 59.72%
- 3 Phoebe Evans & Kay Aiken - 56.48%
- 4 Hansford Rowe & Mira Rowe - 55.56%

We had a great week in the Western Conference games: Kathy and Rand came in second overall in the conference results on Friday with 70.83% and earned 17.8 silver points. On Tuesday evening, Bill Brodek and Robert McBroom came in second overall with 69.05% and earned 10.79 silver points.

Sadly, we have lost two members of our bridge family in the last month: Hansford Rowe and Sandi Oest. They will be greatly missed and our condolences go out to their families.

The ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game will be held on Wednesday Afternoon, October 25 at the Joshua Tree Bridge Club in Palmdale at 12:30.

Next Board Meeting: TBD after the Conference call meeting on Thursday, September 28th at 5:00 p.m.



Torrance-South Bay by Steve Mager

Unit: www.freewebs.com/bridgeatunit568

SBBC: www.southbaybridgeclub.com

Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

- Club Championship: Wednesday, October 4, 11:30 a.m.
 NAOP Semifinal: Sunday, October 15, 10 a.m.
 Club Championship: Friday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.
 Club Swiss Team Championship: Tues, Oct 24, 7 p.m.
 Club Championship, Monday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.
 Friday night games on October 6 and 20

Club Championships

The August 28 Club Championship was won by Ted Gibbs/Steve Ramos in Flight A with Beverly Nara-hara/Carole King taking Flight B. On September 9 Fran Israel/Mark Raggio led Flight A with Arlene and Stanley Greengard ahead in Flight B.

Starting the Club Championship Week in the Sep-

tember 18 morning game Bob Rothman/Mike Welsh led Flights A and B with Michael McGory/Stan Ketz winning Flight C. The September 18 evening game was led by Stan Greengard/Mark Raggio. On September 19 Ted Gibbs/John J. McDermott led Flight A with Jeanette Betts/Ernie Frank on top in Flight B and Greg Galleger/Neal Hudson taking Flight C. The September 20 morning game was headed by Pat Schenasi/Betsy Amador in Flights A and B. The September 20 evening game was led by Fran Israel/Mark Raggio in Flight A with Norman Futami/Lena Ashar taking Flight B. The NLM Club Championship on September 21 was won by Anne Andres/Marilyn Morton in Flight A with Dorothy and Peter Joseph on top in Flight B. On September 22 Gaye Herrington and Wayne Otsuki won Flight A with Cal Waller/Betsy Amador ahead in Flight B.

Team Winners

August 22: John Jones, Steve Ramos, Ed Piken, Michael Piken

August 29: Carol McCully, Ed Barad, John Jones, Wayne Otsuki

September 12: Mary Ann Coyle, Gerri Soffa Carlson, Bo Bogema, John J. McDermott

September 19: Mary Ann Coyle, Gerri Soffa Carlson, Bo Bogema, John J. McDermott

Agile Bridge Club News

Thirty Agile Players have already signed up for the Sunday, October 15 North American Pairs Flight C.

The Agile Bridge Club welcomes new players with four Free Thursday classes 12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. starting Thursday October 5.

Also starting October 5 Liang Fan will teach 2 over 1, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

October 9-14 is Club Appreciation Week.

Our weekly games now feature a supervised play section Monday at 12:15 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Great Western Summer STAC

Following are players who placed in the Gigantic Great Western STAC in games played at Torrance South Bay Clubs.

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Monday Morning August 21: SBBC

- 19A Carol McCully/Ed Barad
19B Stan Greengard/Glen Musicer

Monday Afternoon August 21: Agile BC 499er Pairs

- 1A 1B 1C Linda Klein/Frank Roig
10A 7B 4C Deborah Downs/Rami Razouk
6C Russell Lefevre/Edda Roessler
7C Dominick and Johanna Cardella

Monday Evening August 21, Aux Pairs, SBBC

- 6A Gerri Carlson/John J. McDermott
6B Mark Raggio/Stanley Greengard

Tuesday Morning August 22 SBBC

- 20A Gabriela Jackson/Pat Berg

Tuesday Afternoon August 22, 499er Pairs , Agile BC

- 3A 2B Marcia O'Connor/Betz Salmont
13A Carol DeCordova/Mari Jacobson
18A 11B Douglas Carlson/Howard Schecter

Thursday Morning August 24, 749er Pairs SBBC

- 3/4A Betsy Miller/Joyce Klossner
3/4A 2B 2C Howard Schecter/Doug Carlson
5A Jeannette Betts/Ellen Davidson
6A 3B Edward Ruttenberg/Laura Gastelum
4B Ken Brewer/Jack Stewart
6/7B Madge Weinstein/Myron Mitzenmacher
6/7B Loretto Russell/Robert Hall
4C Madge London/Freda Main

Friday Morning August 25, 499er Pairs, Agile BC

- 7A 6B Marilyn Henschel/Betz Salmont
9A Ed Bucklin/Carolyn Woo
11A Catherine King/Elizabeth Biggins

Friday Morning August 25 AUX Pairs SBBC

- 1A 1B Patricia Taylor/Pat Berg
2/4A 2/3B Chris Freeland/Judy Tomic
2/4A Gabriela Jackson/Setsuko Miyasaka
2/4A 2/3B Pat Schenasi/Elaine Godin

GUV Award

I seem to be at a loss for a good GUV award story this month. Everybody must have really played well at the recent Costa Mesa Regional. I will go back into the past for a story at a NABC which took place a lot of

years ago.

Paul Boudreau (When are you coming out of Bridge retirement, Paul?) and Ed Piken were one of the more formidable pairs in the South Bay back then. However nobody is perfect and there was a board with incredible results on which they may have received one of the more undeserved near tops in Bridge history.

I also played the board and in a wild auction we doubled off 5♥. Well the opponents were 6-6 in hearts and had enough in distributional values to make 5♥ even though our side had nearly 30 HCP. I had no problem estimating this as a bottom especially since we were on ice for 6♦. But amazingly we actually got slightly above average. Almost everybody our way doubled a heart contract some doing it at the 4-level which gave us matchpoints.

Paul and Ed had a rare bidding misunderstanding and played 5♣ undoubled in a 3-3 fit going down 6 for minus 600. The heart bidder also had 6 clubs and was more than willing to let his opps play 5♣ undoubled. This was worth a near top for Paul and Ed when compared to the wall of minus 650s and 750s for other pairs in their and our direction. Perhaps one of the more undeserved near tops of all-time. Oh well.

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West LA
by Robert Shore

Some Farewells

A West Los Angeles fixture for as long as I can remember has departed Los Angeles for the land of Heisenberg. Long-time Unit Board member Candy Scott has packed and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where I'm sure they will experience first hand her energy and passion for the promotion of bridge. I always called Candy the Board's idea machine and its dynamo, and that energy will be sorely missed. As Thomas Jefferson once said of Benjamin Franklin, no one can replace her, but there is now an opening on the Board for Candy's successor.

We must also say goodbye to Betsy Lutz. Betsy is a former West Los Angeles Unit Volunteer of the Year →

and a long-time board member of the Beverly Hills Bridge Club. I've been playing in and around West Los Angeles for more than 35 years and I cannot remember a time when Betsy wasn't regularly at the table.

Betsy's friend and long-time partner Marcia Fisher describes Betsy in these words: "Betsy was always a fierce competitor at the bridge table but she was so much more. She was a well respected and loved educator. Her students stayed in touch with her over the years and credited her with success in their later lives. As a young woman she flew small planes and was one of the 'Golden Girls' at the convention that nominated John Kennedy. Betsy was a loyal friend and it was always apparent where she stood on any issue. She worked tirelessly to promote bridge events and served on the Beverly Hills Board for many years. Betsy will be sorely missed by the bridge community and her many friends."

More Changes

Candy's departure foreshadows other changes potentially in store for the Unit Board. Two other long-time members of the Board are likely to step down at the end of the year. We may therefore have as many as three openings on the Board next year. If you've been interested in getting involved, or in finding out how things work behind the scenes, this is your opportunity to make an impact on our game and our community. Just let a Board member know that you're interested.

It's the Time of the Season

With the change of seasons comes some Fall traditions. First, of course, our annual Fall Sectional, again held at Barrington thanks to the good graces of Adrienne Green. The tournament will take place on October 7 and 8 and is a wonderful opportunity to pick up some silver points. And for those who qualified for the North American Pairs at the club level, the Unit Finals have been scheduled. You can play both Unit Finals if you qualified in two different flights, as long as you play different flights at each Unit Final. The top 60% of each field will qualify to play the District Final, and top finishers at the District level will get some nice check to defray their expenses to the Spring Nationals in Philadelphia next March. All three flights of the District Final will compete at the same time, so if you're fortunate enough to qualify for two different flights at that level, you'll have to commit at this time.

And of course, Fall wouldn't be complete without the annual West Los Angeles Holiday Party (or, as I like to think of it, the only bridge event officially endorsed by the season of Winter). Look for your invitation in the mail this month. Please don't dawdle in returning it. Last year we ran out of space and ended up having to turn people away from this event. (Your Humble Scribe is speaking from personal experience.) And if you need extra added incentive, please note that the price goes up after our Early Bird deadline, so please read that invitation when you get it and respond early.

Table Stakes

Helped along by winning the Tuesday afternoon event, Pete Knee led all master point winners in the Great Western STAC, which includes pretty much every bridge club west of the Rockies. At the Santa Clarita Sectional, Cheri Bitar won the Saturday afternoon Limited Master Point Pairs event, while Alex Kolesnik and Sharon Beynon (Alex's wife, for those who don't know) won the Hansford Rowe Open Swiss.

Our Unit put on quite a display at the Irvine Regional. Alex Kolesnik scored a pair of wins, topping the field in the Saturday Open Pairs and the Sunday Stratified Fast Pairs. Mike Mikyska and Ifti Baqai won the Wednesday Open Pairs event and John Ramos wore the laurel wreath after the Friday Open Pairs event. We did just as well in the team events. Jim Brunet and Alex Wiles won their bracket of the Thursday Swiss teams, as did Rick Turner, Alyssa Kennedy, and Marion Tumen. Eileen and Nathan Gittleman teamed with Michael and Linda Camras to win their bracket of the Saturday Compact Knockout Teams.

Welcome Mat

Five new ACBL members grace our Unit's roster this month. Joining us are Irene Arcus, Steve Rousso, Paul Stanko, Arthur Vatz, and Stefanie Woodburn. Transferring in from other units are Linda Armstrong, Toni Gold, Genise Hasan, and Jaggy Shivdasani. Please give them all a warm West Los Angeles welcome when you see them at the table.

Around the Clubs

Barrington scheduled a quartet of club championships in the last month. Winning those events were →

John Stokdyk and Charles Kelley, Richard Gliksman and Alan Wollman, Steve Mager and Pete Benjamin, and Bill Schreiber and Becky Clough. Cracking 70% were Rob Perlsweig and Pete Knee, Steve Mager and Pete Benjamin, and Roger and Becky Clough.

Many 70% games to report from Beverly Hills. Racking up big games were Phyllis and Mario Mory, Wayne Karson and Aram Bedros, Aram Bedros and Om Chokriwala, Pete Knee and Pete Benjamin, Mitch Dunitz and Mike Mikyska, Barbara Nusbaum and Candy Scott, and Robert and Sandy Carroll.

Climbing the Ladder

The newest members of our Unit to take their

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does not utilize our four regional sanctions. Our tournament schedule is crowded and venues are hard to come by.

The ACBL's strawman recommendation – i.e. a starting point for discussion – is fairly detailed. They propose a simplification and merging of sectionals and STaCs and some special club games. The ACBL also proposes a better organization of regionals to reflect that some regionals are more like sectionals while regionals such as Gatlinburg are more like nationals.

My own view is largely favorable toward simplifying sectionals/STaCs but I'm not as certain that the

first steps on the ladder of bridge achievement as Junior Masters are Keir Fitz-Gibbon, Laura Maslon, and Jan Schmidt. Joy Gibson, Joel Kaplan, Susan Spivak, and Nili Weingart have become Club Masters. Michael Schiff and Alex Wiles are now Regional Masters. Our newest NABC Masters are Norma Friedman, Sally Kirschner, Doron Shauly, and Seymour Stoll. Pat Bessone has become an Advanced NABC Master.

Stuart Hemple has become a Life Master, breaking in as a Bronze Life Master. Dawn Lee also has reached Bronze Life Master status. Evan Krantz and Marion Tumen are now Silver Life Masters. Congratulations to all on your accomplishments.

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specific regional proposals are ready for prime time – though I favor addressing regional problems.

Improve Teaching Results

A second idea from the ACBL is to improve the effectiveness of bridge teaching. Data shows that the extensive ACBL teaching programs have a low rate of success for creating actual ACBL members.

I favor the parts of the ACBL proposal that focus on helping teachers succeed and incentivizing teachers to promote ACBL membership. I'm not in favor of spending money to create better tracking systems for teacher effectiveness.

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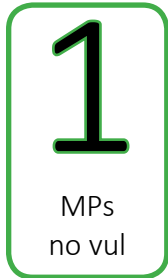
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Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: John Jones

Panelists: Mark Bartusek, Ross Grabel, Fred Hamilton, Daniel Korbel, Tim Lolli, Mister Mealmouth, David Sacks, Mike Shuster



South	West	North	East
Pass ?	Pass	Dbl	2♦* Pass

* Weak Two bid

You, South, hold: ♠KT3 ♥QJ4 ♦Q832 ♣742

What call do you make?

We welcome Daniel Korbel to the panel. One of Canada's finest players, he recently moved to Las Vegas.

We start with a problem where methods matter. Is Lebensohl on after a balancing double? Some partnerships agree that Lebensohl is off if the double came in balancing position. There are three different ways to play 2NT in this situation: natural, Lebensohl, or Scramble (two places to play). Sacks was the first player on the West Coast to play 2NT as artificial, and he thinks Lebensohl applies to balancing doubles. We'll start with panelists who want to bid a natural 2NT.

Hamilton: 2NT. Not a lot to choose between Pass and 2NT. Edgar Kaplan was emphatic that takeout doubles were meant to be taken out. I will go with 2NT.

Korbel: 2NT. Passing could easily be right, but it could also be wrong especially when I am 4333 with such weak diamonds. I will try a natural 2NT and hope for the best.

Let's hear from those who convert the double.

Sacks: Pass... reluctantly. If 2NT were natural I would bid it. If the double were not in the balancing seat I would be more aggressive.

Shuster: Pass. I'll be a good partner and save the discussion about whether or not we are playing Lebensohl here for the postmortem. My vote is no.

Grabel : Pass. My alternative is 2NT followed by 3NT. It may be tough to beat this the value of a game if partner has sound values and tough to beat even one trick if he has less!

Lolli: Pass. My hand is defensive, and we should beat them for a tidy number. If we miss 3NT, it shouldn't be too bad for us, maybe we can beat them three.

Mealmouth: Pass. As we may not have an eight-card fit, no partscore at the three-level is safe, and even 2NT may be unmakeable if East has ♠xx HHxx ♦KJ10xxx ♣Axx and West has ♠QJxx ♥xxxx ♦Ax ♣xxx. This leaves North with an exemplary ♠Axxx ♥AKxx ♦x ♣QJ10x. In that case, we can beat 2♦ doubled two tricks for +300, but even if North has a poorer hand, beating 2♦ doubled one trick for +100 may suffice for most of the matchpoints. The words of the Maharishi lisp in my ear: "Balanced Hands Defend!"

Finally, a panelist who is going bid a game.

Bartusek: 2NT. I'll gamble that partner has full values for his double. Let's go through Lebensohl to arrive in 3NT (unless partner shows a suit with extra values). Note that bidding it the slow way shows some doubt about the final contract. *[I agree with Mark that this is the preferred treatment. However, others would disagree with us and use other treatments.]* Setting the opponents 1 or 2 tricks doesn't seem sufficient compensation at matchpoints.



South	West	North	East
1♣ ?	Pass	1♥	Pass

You, South, hold:
 ♠K9 ♥AKQ3 ♦-- ♣QT97643
 What call do you make?

Partner really bids 1♥? Wow! How do we make progress with this awesome support? I have never previously heard of a reverse into a void suit, but listen to this.

Sacks: 2♦. What bid will elicit the most information from partner? 2♦ finds out if partner has five hearts, if he has a forward going hand with three plus clubs. If he has a bad hand without five hearts he will bid 2♠, denying game going values opposite a minimum reverse. It does lead to a truly undiscussed sequence if partner raises diamonds.

Grabel: 3♦. 3♦ shows a 3♥ bid with diamond shortness. I will cooperate if partner shows interest. This hand is nothing to excited about... yet!

Lolli: 3♥. With the opponents silent, it's very probable that we have a game or slam. I don't think this is a 4♣ call because partner will be disappointed with my clubs and 4♦ is an overbid to me.

Shuster: 3♥. 4♣ or 4♦ aren't going to help us evaluate our slam prospects much, as the ♠A is worth a trick and a half and the ♦A is garbage. How is partner to know? Over 4♣, 4♦ would just be last train, and we would be the ones making the last guess. 3♥ gives us our serious (or frivolous) 3NT and allows partner to make a meaningful cuebid below game. The risk is that partner passes, but with all this shape, only 14 HCP and non-competing opponents, I expect partner to have enough to make a move here.

Bartusek: 3♥. Sure, the LTC crowd will say that we only have three losers. However, the play may be impossible with the opponents tapping my hand at every opportunity. Thus, an invitational raise to three seems sufficient. Besides, I don't want partner to hang me if I raise to four.

Korbel: 4♦. I'm very, very light in the HCP department, but if partner gets excited, I am looking at the three top trumps. So how bad can it be?

Mealy-mouth: 4♦. With both 3♦ and 4♦ splinters available, the difference is not in strength but in degree of shortness, 3♦ showing a singleton and 4♦ showing a void [*This is not the only way to play the difference between 3♦ and 4♦.*] Though from a purely technical standpoint any force to game may be a slight overbid, I fear that nothing less will prod partner to seek slam when he has golden cards in the black suits. His hearts are no better than jack-high, and weak trumps may deter him. Heaven help us if North has been brainwashed into thinking that ♥9542 and ♦KJ108 calls for a 1♥ rather than a 1♦ response. [*Call me brainwashed! I believe in responding 1♥ with four poor hearts as opposed to 1♦ on a four card suit. Majors score better!*]

Hamilton: 4♥. It's not enough HCP for 4♦, and the wrong suit strength for 4♣. This shows a shapely hand. [*What do you bid with a balanced 19 HCP including four card support?*]

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South	West	North	East
?		1♦	2♠

You, South, hold:
 ♠AT2 ♥982 ♦AT74 ♣AK6
 What call do you make?

We love our three aces with a connected king, but do we head to 3NT, or select a bid that has a better chance of getting to slam?

Bartusek: 3NT. I hate this problem since there is no decent bid with this hand. Possible landing spots include 3NT, 5♦, and 6♦. If I make a negative double I fear that partner will not treat a 5♦ correction over 4♥ as natural (not to mention the possibility that partner might be 3=4=3=3 [*Wouldn't partner open 1♣ with 3=4=3=3 shape?*] or have mediocre diamonds).

Shuster: 3NT. They are unlikely to be able to take five heart tricks, and I can count nine. This is a good hand for a shortness ask.

Sacks: 3NT. This is our best shot at making game. They have to lead hearts for me to second guess myself. Only if you play 2NT as some sort of forcing artificial bid can we get somewhere plausible to know about hearts.

Hamilton: 3NT. This is what I expect to make unless partner can bid again (if it looks like a duck).

[Some opt to bid a strong three card suit, find out more about the hand and hope something good develops. I like this bid.]

Korbel: 3♣. A ridiculous bid, but all my bids are ridiculous. I am not prepared to jump to a potentially ludicrous 3NT contract. Perhaps this goofy 3♣ call will induce partner not to let me play 3NT when he has a major suit singleton. There's a strong argument for playing transfers over this auction type which solves a lot of problems.

Grabel: 3♣. There is plenty of room to still get to 3NT and no reason yet to think beyond it.

Finally, a panelist that cuebids, showing his diamond support. At IMP scoring, it's not a disaster to play 5♦ even with 3NT making.

Mealymouth : 3♠. Yes, we'll probably miss 3NT, but prospects for slam in diamonds look too bright to settle for 3NT. Anyone who bids 3NT should be rushed to the psychiatric ward for emergency treatment of the dread disease Matchpointitis [*that's a real bad disease to have in an IMP game*].

I didn't print Lolli's answer because he misread the problem due my poor formatting in an email.

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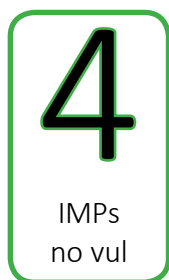
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South	West	North	East
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1♦

You, South, hold:

♠KQ9873 ♥9 ♦JT763 ♣9

What call do you make?

How high do we preempt? Some of the 2♠ bidders consider 3♠. Some of the 3♠ bidders consider 4♠. I'm in the 3♠ camp.

Lolli: 2♠. I like 2♠, so sue me. Partner may have a few spades and some diamonds, all of which could be useful to our cause. I expect the opposition will not be silent in hearts (or clubs), so I hope I can bid diamonds at a reasonable level. It tells my partner I have distribution, but not a good hand.

Bartusek: 2♠. Sure some people will bid 3♠, but the two level seems fine to me. Maybe I'm a tad conservative in these situations. I can always consider backing in with 3♦.

Grabel: 2♠. It all depends on style but I think 2♠ is adequate. I'm sure there will be votes for 3♠.

Sacks: 2♠. On a frisky day I might bid 3♠.

Hamilton: 3♠. 2♠ is not enough with this shape. 4♠ is slightly irresponsible, and partner will bid 4♠ with three-card support.

Korbel: 3♠. At White versus Red, I might jump all the way to 4♠.

Mealy-mouth: 3♠. Even if a weak jump to 2♠ were available, 2♠ would be a pinprick, and favorable vulnerability demands a hornet's sting. The words of the Bagwhan lisp in my ear: "Suits and Shape Compete!"

Shuster: 3♠. 2♠ would be too little. 4♠ would be too much. 3♠ is just right.

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South

West

North

East

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2♠

You, South, hold: ♠-- ♥KT763 ♦76543 ♣AQ9
What call do you make?

Do we bid on this shapely 9 HCP hand?

Korbel: 3♥. Another detestable bid. I am overdoing it as usual but I can't help myself.

Shuster: 3♥. We must take action with a good prospects and a void. Double is the only alternative, and that could lead to an ugly 3♣ or awkward 2♠ doubled.

Sacks: Pass. Make the ♥3 the ♥9 and I would probably squeeze out 3♥.

Bartusek: Pass. I'd like to double, but this seems a little light (especially since my shape is not optimal and when it will be tough to get to a 5-3 heart fit). I'd much prefer to have a 1444 11 HCP hand. I can consider balancing if LHO raises to three spades.

Hamilton: Pass. Pass for now and maybe double if 3♠ Pass Pass comes back to me. I can't take initial action with this little, I'll have to stay fixed if they jump

to 4♠ as it is a two way bid, and I'm just too thin for 4♦ (diamonds and hearts).

Mealy-mouth: Pass. Despite my straight flush, I'll resist the urge to invade with a Michaels 3♠. [3♠ would be a stopper ask for pairs playing Leaping Michaels.] Didn't Barry Goldwater say, "Moderation in pursuit of extremism is no vice"? The Bagwhan be damned, as he already deserves for his 32 gold Cadillacs and his escapades with female worshipers.

Grabel: Pass. Not enough ammunition to enter with no hand and a lousy suit. We may get stolen from but for every time we do, we'll avoid a disaster and don't even talk to me about 4♦. How's that for a scary thought !

Lolli: Pass. I would not consider a bid at this point. If LHO bids some number of grotesque spades, I'll be happy to cooperate with partner when he bids. If I enter the fray now, I may get carried out in a basket.

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