

# SHUFFLE, DEAL & PLAY

ACBL Unit 354 Newsletter

July 2009

## Join The Hottest Players At The Coolest Regional

By Page Tomkinson

The Phoenix Desert Empire Regional will be held Aug. 17-23 at the magnificent Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix. What a great location - right off I-17 at Dunlap (Exit 207) with plenty of free covered parking.

Monday afternoon at 1:00 we kick off with the exciting Pro-Am game, followed by an elegant reception for all the participants in this event. Pictures and trophies will go to the winners.

Check the flyer for events and times. Notice there is always a side game, and did you see all the KO's and other team games? Wow, what a great schedule!

Need a partner? The Partnership Desk will open at least 45 minutes before each session.

Tournament Chair Janet Newman, and her able assistants, JoAnne Lowe and Charlie Kelley are pulling out all the stops to make this the best regional ever! You won't have to feel so bad

about missing that cruise. We will have door prizes, special treats and fun galore. Did we mention the free donuts on Sunday morning?

Our famed Hospitality Suite will be open Tues. thru Sat. afternoons from 4:30 - 6:00 and again after the evening sessions from 10:15 - 11:00. We invite all players to c'mon up—it's for everyone to enjoy.

But WAIT—there's even more! Marianne Spanier has twisted arms to come up with a great line-up of speakers. In addition, on Friday and Saturday there will be a panel of experts to answer your bridge questions.

It is often said that bridge players become your extended family. If that's the case, think of this tournament as a big family reunion. We give each other stiff competition at the bridge table, but support each other in times of need. You are a very important member of this family, so don't miss the reunion!



## Approaching 100 And Still Playing

by Angie Ulrey



If playing bridge keeps our minds alert and the aging process at bay, Betsy Rosky, of Mesa, provides a great example to emulate.

In anticipation of her 100th birthday on Aug. 4, Betsy comments simply, "I'm a Leo."

Spending a few minutes in her company proves that she's mentally alert, has a wonderful sense of humor, and can be devilish at the bridge table.

Betsy first tried auction bridge at age 13. As a young adult she played contract bridge with her parents, and eventually, at 40, took up duplicate in Des Moines, Iowa.

She and her husband used to winter in Arizona, and she moved to Mesa permanently in 1991.

Since then she has moved in with her daughter because

"she wants to teach me how to take care of her in her old age."

As Betsy reminisces, "I won a three-mile swim race when I was 17. Then at age 97, I won two gold medals for swimming the backstroke and the crawl. Everyone in the stands cheered for me, and the media made me feel like a celebrity. Of course, I was the only one in my age group."

Betsy often plays at **Doty-Bridge**, so next time you see her, be sure to wish her happy birthday and many more good boards at the bridge table.

## Excitement Builds For Pro-Am Game

One of the most enjoyable events on the Unit 354 bridge calendar, both for novice players and those with more experience, comes up Aug. 17 at our annual Desert Empire Regional at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel.

It's the Pro-Am Game, teaming up the 'pros' with eager 'ams' or 199ers who want to enhance their bridge skills in a more competitive event. Trophies will be awarded to the three top overall pairs.

"We are pleased to see such enthusiastic participation this year and are looking forward to another fun event," said Janet Newman, president of Unit 354. Last year's record turnout had three full sections with 76 pairs.

Sign up sheets for the 199ers are available at local clubs. You may also contact Barb Bunnell, Pro-Am Chair by email at [barb.bunnell@gmail.com](mailto:barb.bunnell@gmail.com) or (480) 219-1703.

We may not be able to accommodate last minute players, so be sure to sign up before Aug. 12!

This year's game kicks off Monday at 1 pm. All participants are asked to come early to meet their partners and go over bidding agreements. Registrants should congregate inside the main ballroom at noon.

Players will be randomly paired. The game has always been considered a great experience for novice players and a nice way for more experienced players to mentor the newer players

with friendly advice and perhaps discussing specific hands afterwards. Over 50 pros have already agreed to play.

There will be a private reception immediately following the game just for the Pro-Am players. Regular hospitality hours start Tuesday.

Committee members include Barb Bunnell, Clark Ransom, Robbin Lieberman, and Ethel Blake-Ward.

Underscoring what this game means to many of the experienced players, the committee received this letter from Dee Horwitz, of Scottsdale (see box at left).

### Dee Horwitz writes...

*"I appreciate your letter inviting me to play in the Pro-Am game. I have never done so because I am not a pro, and dislike the association with same.*

*"Nevertheless, your mention of mentoring and pointing out how one can learn by playing with 'seasoned' players struck the right chord with me. I remember well my early bridge experiences, having grown up with the game and actually having the audacity to teach bridge to a number of newcomers in Duluth, Minn., 58 yrs ago.*

*"Over the years I have been happy to take others 'under my wing', teach (at no charge), and write and edit for various bridge publications.*

*"It is a great game, and I am still learning. But, please, let's call this Pro-Am game what it really is: Play With a Life Master, the Lucky Draw, or whatever. Apparently, calling an experienced or long-time player a "pro" is good for one's ego. After years and years at this game I find that most of us don't need help in that area.*

*So, because you took the time to compose a letter that got to the real reason for the 'special game,' you can count on my support on Aug. 17.*

## NAP Games Now Underway

Local clubs are offering numerous qualifying games for the North American Pairs (NAP) throughout the summer.

You can find the dates for these games at the club websites of AZ Bridge, Doty-Bridge, Peoria Bridge Club, Sun City and Sun City Grand.

District 17 finals will be held in Ruidoso, N.M. Oct. 9-10 and the ACBL finals will be at the Spring Nationals in Reno next March. District 17 will subsidize travel for the top competitors.

Susan Sneed, Unit 354 board member and NAP Coordinator, will be collecting the names of all qualifiers to send to the District 17 coordinator.

## New Playing Cards

We are pleased to announce that there will be brand spankin' new cards for all team games at the tournament.

Thanks to District 17 for underwriting the cost of pre-duplicated boards for all pairs games. No sorting or shuffling necessary!

## All-Star Speaker Line Up Slated

By Marianne Spanier

The line-up of speakers sharing their knowledge at the Desert Empire Regional ranks as one of the best in years. Lectures will begin at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday—Friday.

A special feature this year will be a two-day Q&A session providing attendees a chance to quiz the experts in an informal give-and-take setting. The sessions will start Friday and Saturday at 4:15 p.m., immediately following the afternoon session.

Here is a partial rundown of the speakers and their topics.

Opening the series on Tues., Aug. 18 is Ernie Ivey of Surprise. An Emerald Life master, Ernie is a Spring

National Open Pairs Champion and former president of District 21 in Palo Alto, Calif. He will be talking about *Making the Non-Cost Play*.

Wednesday's speaker will be Jerry Gaer, a Grand Life master with over 17,000 masterpoints from Scottsdale. Jerry, a National Champion who has been playing bridge for over 55 years will cover *The Five Most Common Errors Made By New Players*. Jerry is a full time bridge teacher and professional.

On Thursday, Haig Tchamitch, also of Scottsdale will discuss *Support Doubles*. Haig, a Grand Life master and winner of the Blue Ribbons Pairs and Herman Trophy, is a well known international expert who has been teaching and playing bridge professionally for many years.

Robb Gordon, from Sedona,

will speak on Friday at 6:15 about *Lebensohl and Variations*. Robb, a North American Champion, has won over 100 regionals and is a former N.Y. Player of the Year. He is also a teacher, coach and "protégé of Linda."

Moderator for the Friday-Saturday Q&A will be Steve Bruno of Peoria. Steve, another Emerald Life master, author of leading bridge books and winner in various national events, said the topic will be *Today's Hands and Everything Else* with questions from the audience.

Panel members include Bud Marsh, Leon Lowe and Ken Badertscher plus one mystery expert. You'll definitely want to hear everything these great bridge players have to say!

Check our website for final details at [www.unit354.com](http://www.unit354.com).

## Courtesy & Etiquette: Alerts

By Dave Zapatka

Which bids should be alerted? The ACBL has identified most of the common ones in red on the convention card.

There are also many others. A good guideline to follow is: if your partnership has an agreement that is not what the ACBL defines as "standard," it should probably be alerted. Remember, no secret agreements are allowed in bridge. (*Note: cue bids are never alerted.*)

How should we alert? There are three important parts to making an alert.

- Speak the word "alert."
- Show the blue alert card or touch the blue alert strip.
- Make sure the opponents are aware of the alert by ensuring they hear and/or see the alert.

Following are some common bids that require an alert but are often missed.

**4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing** when the fourth bid suit may not be natural.

**New minor forcing** when the other minor suit bid may not be natural.

**New suit non-forcing** in response to a weak two opener by partner.

**Negative free bids** when responder bids a new suit after partner opened the bidding and there was interference. e.g. 1H – 2C – 2D.

An 'A' player recently stated the opponents should know his partner's 4<sup>th</sup> suit was artificial and forcing when there was no alert and he was asked about the sequence.

**You are not responsible for knowing the opponents' special agreements, so don't be goaded into this.** This is an irregularity. You will find inside the ACBL convention card score sheet posted at the top, these words – "When attention is called to an irregularity – **CALL THE DIRECTOR.**"

Some players don't understand why negative free bids must be alerted. The opponent immediately following the negative free bidder may have a strong enough hand to enter the bidding. If he knows this bid may be passed out, he may want to bid immediately. However, if this is a standard forcing bid, he can pass knowing he will

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## More Than You Ever Wanted To Know About Keycard...

By Ned Kohler

1. After agreement on a suit, 4N is Roman Keycard 14/30 (or 30/14 if you prefer). Key cards are the four Aces and the King of trump.
2. 4N is NEVER key card after a natural NT bid or in most sequences beginning with 1N or 2N. The following are all quantitative slam invites:
  - **1N-2C-2D-4N** Responder has at least one four-card major. Opener does not.
  - **1N-2C-2S-4N** Responder has four hearts. Opener has four spades.
  - **1N-2C-2H-4N** Responder has four spades. Opener has four hearts but has not denied four spades. In addition to choosing between 4N and 6N, opener may chose 5S or 6S if he has both majors.
  - **1N-2D!-2H-4N** Responder has exactly five hearts. Since opener may only have two, no eight-card fit is established. Contrast that with the next auction.
  - **1N-4D!-4H-4N** 4N is RKC since the Texas transfer bid promised six hearts and the 1N promised two.
  - **1N-2D!-3H!-4N** Also RKC since the 3H super-accept bid promised four-card support.
  - **1S-2D-2H-3C!-4N?** This cannot possibly be keycard. You are in a game forcing auction but no suit has been established. The 3C bid probably did NOT show a real club suit (although responder may have something there). Responder has promised a good 12+ HCP with 5+ diamonds, but has neither three spades nor four hearts. Opener has promised exactly five spades and four hearts. With more of either, he would have rebid that suit at the three level. The 3C bid is asking opener to bid 3N with a club stopper. Obviously opener has extras, with at least the guarded King of clubs, so 4N is asking for a raise to 6N with more than a minimum game force.
  - **1 (any suit)-4N** This is straight Blackwood for aces only, NOT keycard. If you want to use keycard, set the trump suit first with a forcing auction (2/1 followed by a raise, Jacoby 2N, inverted minor raise, etc.), and then bid 4N.
3. Determining which suit is the keycard suit can be awkward. It is useful to have a set of priorities when not obvious. These are my agreements:
  - The only suit that has been agreed upon. (OK, this one IS obvious).
4. Never (What NEVER?...well hardly ever) bid RKC with either a void or two top losers in an unbid suit. The exceptions are few and far between. If you have a void, you cannot interpret the response unless it shows all missing keys. Is a missing key in your void suit? Then all is well. Does partner have the Ace in your void suit? Oh @\$&!!! There is no way to tell the difference.
5. Responses to 4N RKC 14/30:
  - 5C shows 1 or 4 keys but says nothing about the trump Queen.
  - 5D shows 0 or 3 keys but says nothing about the trump Queen.
  - 5H shows 2 keys without the trump Queen.
  - 5S shows 2keys with the trump Queen.
 For 30/14, reverse the 5C and 5D responses. *CAUTION: always check carefully with a new partner to verify 14/30 or 30/14!*

{Ed. Note: This is part of an ongoing series of articles on bidding by Ned Kohler. Due to space limitations, the rest of this article can be found at [www.unit354.com](http://www.unit354.com). }

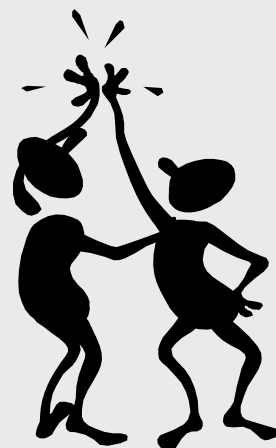
## Straight Talk for Beginners

By Arjai Barrington

1. Take a beginner's class from a qualified teacher.
2. If possible, find a partner with equal ability and interest in learning.
3. Begin with three conventions: Blackwood, Stayman and Negative Doubles. There are no simple conventions. Too many too soon are counter-productive.
4. Understand that director calls are part of the game and necessary to restore fairness. If an opponent bullies you or puts you down, YOU call the director. The ACBL has a zero tolerance policy in place for bad behavior.
5. When time allows, better players sometimes analyze the hand just finished. Listen, don't talk.
6. Be friendly, quiet and try not to hold up the game. Bridge is a timed event.
7. After the game, ask an approachable expert how he would have bid or played a specific board you had trouble with.

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## Rank Changes



### Silver Life Master

Michael Kay  
 Marc Raphael  
 Barbara Schooley  
 Robert Smilay

### Bronze Life Master

Glenn Crawford  
 Mark Gross  
 Honey Klein  
 Ann Lebed  
 Janet Newman  
 Avril Sher

### Life Master

Jean Berringer  
 Tom Berringer  
 Barbara Blondi  
 Mary Boyd  
 Mark Gross  
 Georgia Jacka  
 Rosemary Kerwin  
 Honey Klein  
 Ann Lebed  
 Barbara Ritter  
 Avril Sher  
 Cheryl Smith

### NABC Master

Jill Grundland  
 Michelle Mulvey  
 Jackie Wielgosz

### Regional Master

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 Patrica Bogacz  
 Bette Rae Booth  
 Gary Carter  
 Robert Cayne  
 James Miller  
 Felecia Stitche  
 Marjorie Voecks

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Ethel Blake-Ward  
 Suzanne Cabeen  
 Eddie Crews  
 Barbara Economou  
 Mary Hilmes  
 Marion Jacobsen  
 Richard Kocher  
 Julee Landau  
 Robbin Lieberman  
 Jacqueline Masten  
 Elizabeth Wilson

### Club Master

Kelly Aanenson  
 Susan Anderson  
 Marian Caldwell  
 Beverly Geisler  
 Neville Ginsberg  
 Diane Hall  
 William Hall  
 Joan Heller  
 Keith Hilzendeger  
 Margaret Howe  
 Genneth Hunter  
 John Jensen  
 Margaret Sanders  
 Morton Scult  
 James Sneed  
 Jeanne Sorensen  
 Rosalind Stark-  
 weather  
 Paul Vaccaro

### Junior Master

Lorraine Allen  
 Stephen Ames  
 Catherine Bane  
 Renee Berman  
 Lynne Carlyle

### Junior Master (cont'd)

Stephen Gepner  
 Thelma Gross  
 Karen Harris  
 Nancy Jackson  
 Edwin Kilburn  
 Judy Laxineta  
 Larry Monroe  
 Rosemary Peters  
 Diane Schaak  
 Miriam Sherr  
 Lou Stein  
 Bette Stettner  
 Bill Whatmough

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8. Learn who the blowhards are and avoid them and their 'lessons.'
9. Don't ask an expert player for a game. Would Tiger Woods want to play with a beginner? If you can afford it, hire an expert to play teaching games with you.
10. Make it a habit to read the daily bridge column in the newspaper. If the bidding is baffling, concentrate on the columnist's description of the play and defense.
11. Bridge is a game of counting. For example: opener's 15-17 point bid of 1N is raised to three. How many points does partner have? During the play, practice counting the number of cards in all suits and the points in each player's hand every day. Start slowly with these exercises. They will pay off.
12. After six months of play, take a more advanced class.
13. Don't whine. Every player experiences at least some of what you are going through.

## Local Clubs Make Top 50

Two valley bridge clubs were given high honors from the ACBL this summer for ranking in the top 50 of the nation's clubs based on table counts.

**Kiva West** holds the distinction of being the only invitational club in the top 50, ranking 41st with a whopping 6,125 tables. Congratulations!

**AZ BridgeWorks** was right behind them at 42nd with 6,084 tables. Nice going, Joy!

The top three spots belonged to online clubs:

BridgeBase	329,044 tables
OKBridge	124,646 tables
Swan Games	17,164 tables

Ken Boyd from Sun City West broke down the rest by state:

Florida	10 clubs
California	9 clubs
New York	8 clubs
Arizona & New Jersey	2 clubs

1 club each from:

Arkansas	Connecticut	Georgia
Indiana	Minnesota	Maryland
Nebraska	New Mexico	Texas

## Tournament Changes On Horizon For 2010

It may be a bit early, but mark your calendar because there's a brand new scenario for our local tournaments on the horizon.

As planned, the annual Horn O'Plenty Sectional will be Oct. 2-4 at the DoubleTree Resort in Scottsdale, but the traditional Holiday Election Section normally slated for early December is taking a hiatus in 2009.

The reason: an ACBL conflict with the San Diego NABC Nationals Nov. 26 - Dec. 6.

So instead of the Holiday Sectional, the Unit 354 Board chose an alternative which should work out well for everyone: a STaC series Jan. 4-6, 2010. Details are still being finalized, but plan on earning lots of silver points at local clubs during those three days.

Also in 2010, the President's Day Sectional will again be at ASU West Feb. 12-15, but the Silver Sun Sectional May 14-16 will have new digs: Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

The college, located at 3300 W. Camelback is ideal for bridge tournaments with an on-site cafeteria open all three days of the tournament. The enclosed campus has a 24-hour guard at the gate. The playing site will be the Antelope South Gymnasium—an added bonus is the abundance of restrooms!

Because of the Holiday Election switch, Unit 354 players will be voting on new Board members at the clubs in December. Look for more details in the next Shuffle.

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have another turn to bid later.

Since negative free bids are not standard bidding as defined by the ACBL and therefore constitute a special partnership agreement, negative free bids must be alerted.

Understanding and applying the ACBL alert rules will improve the enjoyment of our game and that is what courtesy and etiquette are all about.

*(David Zapatka, a gold life master, is president of Unit 351 in Mesa.)*

## Table Talk

### You Can't Stop A Good Man - Wally Doing OK

Wally Rachel, the man-of-all-trades for decades at Scottsdale bridge clubs has been the point man for back office and fill-in work.

An expert player who often plays with novices, he duplicates the boards, answers the phone, takes out the trash, and serves – with nary a complaint - as that all important last minute sub.

Wally has been in less than perfect health over the past ten years with several hospital stays, "but he always comes back to work," says his friend and former club owner Jan Bricklin.

Wally had a little relapse

and rehab stint in June, but he's back on the job now. Sid Landy, of Scottsdale, is handling some of his duties at *DotyBridge*.

Best wishes go out to both Wally and Sid. Stay well. We treasure you both.

### More Theatergoers Hear Art's Story

Art Herzberg, former owner of the Peoria Bridge Club, continues to enjoy the honor of seeing his own harrowing World II experiences depicted on theater stages around the globe.

"It's been both a great thrill and humbling to know the play has been so well received," said Art whose work "My Father's War" will have another reading July 14-18 at the English Theater in Berlin.

The play, written by his son-in-law, Robert, is based on stories Art has told over the years of his combat experience in WWII, including the D-Day campaign and the Battle of the Bulge.

The play first hit the stage last year at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with plans to go to other U.S. cities and perhaps off-Broadway. Unfortunately the economy has taken its toll.

### Sam Gets To Blow The Whistle

Late word has it that Sam Whitten of Scottsdale and former staffer at the old Ace of Clubs in Tempe will be handling director duties at the August Regional. We'll be on the alert, Sam, as we know you will be.

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- ♦ Knockouts Mon thru Sat
- ♦ Compact KO's Tues, Fri and Sat
- ♦ Swiss teams Thurs and Sun

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### THURSDAY, AUG. 20

Morning Side Game Series ..... 9 am  
199ers Pairs single sessions ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified FAST\*\* Pairs ..... 9 am  
**Cholla Bracketed KO (2/4)** ..... 9 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 1 pm  
Stratified OPEN Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 1 & 7 pm  
**Ocotillo Bracketed KO (3-4)** ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series ..... 7 pm

### FRIDAY, AUG. 21

Morning Side Game Series ..... 9 am  
199ers Pairs single sessions ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified CHOICE\* Pairs ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
**Cholla Bracketed KO (3/4)** ..... 9 am  
**Prickly Pear Compact KO (1/2)** ..... 9 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 1 pm  
**Saguaro Bracketed KO (1-2)** ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series ..... 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

### SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Morning Side Game Series ..... 9 am  
199ers Pairs single sessions ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified CHOICE\* Pairs ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
**Cholla Bracketed KO (4/4)** ..... 9 am  
**Prickly Pear Compact KO (2/2)** ..... 9 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 1 pm  
**Saguaro Bracketed KO (3-4)** ..... 1 & 7 pm  
**Yucca Compact KO (1-2)** ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series ..... 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

### SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams ..... 10 am  
7 x 7 with no break  
199ers Stratified Swiss Teams ..... 10 am  
no break, one session entries will be accepted for  
199ers

#### \* CHOICE Pairs

Must play in 2 out of 3 sessions that day

#### \*\* FAST Pairs

24 boards with 5½ minutes allowed per board

#### Entry Fees

\$11 for ACBL members  
\$13 for all others

### MONDAY, AUG. 17

Stratified Charity Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pro-Am Pairs ..... 1 pm  
**Agave Bracketed KO (1/4)** ..... 7 pm

### TUESDAY, AUG. 18

Morning Side Game Series ..... 9 am  
199ers Pairs single sessions ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified CHOICE\* Pairs ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
**Agave Bracketed KO (2-4)** ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 1 pm  
**Barrel Compact KO (1-2)** ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series ..... 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

Morning Side Game Series ..... 9 am  
199ers Pairs single sessions ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified FAST\*\* Pairs ..... 9 am  
**Cholla Bracketed KO (1/4)** ..... 9 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 1 pm  
Stratified OPEN Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
**Ocotillo Bracketed KO (1-2)** ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series ..... 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

## Club News

### AZ BridgeWorks

By Joy Balsler

April was ACBL Charity month and we capped the month with our third annual Calcutta Incredible. We raised \$3,500 for Logan's Playground, and over \$5,000 for The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center, Sojourner Women's Center, Hospice of the Valley and the Salvation Army.

Jerry Gaer and Mark Jones won this year's Calcutta, running away from the field of 44 pairs with a 68% game. Jim Hooker and Rick Purdy took the "B" strata and Janet Newman and Lori Ortiz won the "C" strata. Phoebe Packer and Pat Riordan auctioned off the pairs before the game.

On June 5-6 we hosted this year's World Wide Pair contests. On Friday, David Certa and Jamie Rubenstein took first overall in the club and 142nd world wide out of 5,000+ tables. Adele Vercamp and Jerry Gaer along with Linda Mitchell and Barbara Flanagan took the top spots in our Saturday game.

Look for our Novice/Mentor program to kick off again this fall. Meanwhile, on Mondays we host a Supervised Play for those with <20 mps; the mini-lesson starts at 6:30 with a 7 p.m. game time. John Vaneerden's Saturday 9 a.m. game is limited to 750 mps.

We're offering an array of special games this summer including NAP club qualifying sessions. Qualifying pairs can com-

pete in the District finals and advance to the nationals.

Alice Pierce and Jason Schroeder have joined **AZ BridgeWorks** as directors. Jason handles our Tuesday afternoon/evening and Wednesday evening games. Come early for a light snack - game time is 6:30 p.m. Alice is on hand for our Friday afternoon games

We have just purchased the new PlayBridgeDealer4. We generate hand records for all sessions and post them on our website just below the daily results. Coupled with our new BridgeMate scoring devices, we've entered the electronic age in full swing!

Check our website for classes and other information at [www.azbridge.com](http://www.azbridge.com).

### DotyBridge—Scottsdale

By George Doty

**DotyBridge** is pleased to announce the addition of Jean Joseph to our teaching staff. Jean, a well-known teacher and duplicate player, will be offering a six-week introductory bridge series in the fall. The class will be held from 7-9 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays starting Sept. 22. The course will be offered free of charge and is designed for adults who have never played bridge before. Space is limited. To enroll, contact Jean at (602) 568-5013 or [gamsii@yahoo.com](mailto:gamsii@yahoo.com).

Also in the fall, Kim Corbin and Donna Johnson will be offering a series of courses in bidding, play and defense for the advancing novice/intermediate player.

We're offering an exciting summer calendar with many special events. Qualifying for the NAP competition began at our club in early June. We will be offering a number of opportunities to qualify through August. These games award half red, half black sectionally-rated masterpoints. Qualifiers start on the road that could lead to playing in the finals at the Reno Spring 2010 NABC.

Rick Hunt is now directing our Monday afternoon 0-49er game. Kim Corbin will be running our Wednesday afternoon supervised play throughout the summer.

Up-to-date information on our schedule of games and lessons can be found on our website at [www.dotybridge.com](http://www.dotybridge.com).

### Black Mountain Bridge Club

By Tim Rumoshosky

**Black Mountain** is open throughout the summer months with our Monday evening games at Terravita. Thursday games at Anthem Outlets resume Oct. 22.

Most of the Monday games will be sectionally rated including charity games and NAP qualifying games where all awards are half red.

In addition, we'll have a special Friday 6:30 game at Terravita on July 24: an ACBL-wide International Fund Game with extra awards for District and ACBL overall placings. The printout available after the game features an analysis of

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the hands by Fred Steward.

Reservations are strongly suggested - email [reservations@blackmtnbridge.com](mailto:reservations@blackmtnbridge.com). All our games this summer (including the special games) are just \$5 per player. We will be closed on Mon. Aug 17 for the Regional and Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

Check [www.blackmtnbridge.com](http://www.blackmtnbridge.com) for more information and our weekly schedule.

**The Peoria Bridge Studio**

By Arjai Barrington

Our summer games are holding up even with the absence of snowbirds. We continue to be proud of our attendance, special events, low rates and friendly players.

We celebrated July 4th with a bang and a picnic. The club furnished the basics and members brought baked beans, potato salad, pickles, etc. We're anticipating a good turnout for our monthly potluck the last Saturday of July.

Barbara is planning something different for the last Saturday in August: our first-ever Ice Cream Social. The club will furnish three flavors of ice cream, several toppings, sprinkles, chocolate (of course) and the ingredients for banana splits. Think about it! For \$5.00 you get a fun few hours of bridge and an ice cream treat. We welcome you to come and increase your waistline with us!

George is trying out an idea on our website. He reports inquiries from players asking, "Why didn't I make the hand? Did I misplay it, get better defense or did others get a different opening lead?" BridgeMate scorekeepers will note the opening lead on each hand, which will appear along with the scores on the website. George hopes his new idea will encourage interest and discussion.

Dorothy Vilven, one of our finest players, has moved to Salt Lake City to be near family. Although we lost Dorothy, we are grateful to have Dale Storm back with us after a few months in California.

Visit us at [thepeoriabridgestudio.com](http://thepeoriabridgestudio.com) or call (623) 974-9080.

**It's a Small World**

By Joy Balsler

Once upon a Sunday, Sue Akiyama, a local Phoenix player, called **AZ BridgeWorks** for a partner. Sue arrived at the club and we informed her she was going to play with David Rankin, who had also called requesting a partner.

Sue mentioned she had played with a man by that name 25 years ago in Denver and inquired as to whether it was the same gentleman.

David walked into the club and was introduced to Sue. Sue looked at him and said, "You used to have dark hair and were much thinner!"

We all got a chuckle. They played and won that afternoon.

Bridge is a game of a lifetime and every now and then, life catches up with time.

**Kiva West**

By Mary Boyd

We are very proud to be listed in ACBL's "Top 50 Clubs" based on table count - quite an accomplishment!

Our club experimented with the BridgeMate Electronic Scoring devices for a couple of months with mixed reviews. After a ballot vote at our quarterly membership meeting, the majority voted YES to proceed with the purchase of these machines. With continued use, it is apparent that our members are becoming more comfortable with them. Welcome to the 21st century, Kiva!

The club has suspended Tuesday afternoon games temporarily until Sept. 26.

Since Sun City West is a retirement community, many of our snow-bird members have flown away for the hot summer. We will miss them but we always look forward to their return again in the fall.

*An elderly player called "Prain,"  
Sometimes failed to contend with the strain;  
His second revoke, was a bit of a joke,  
But to trump partner's ace was insane!*

## Unit Wide Games

July 3 ♠ July 24 ♥ Aug 4 ♦ Aug 12 ♣ Sept 11 ♠ Sept 25 ♥ Oct 6 ♦ Oct 21

## Local Tournaments

July 10-12	Prescott Summer Sectional	Prescott Community Center
<b>Aug 17-23</b>	<b>Phoenix Desert Empire Regional</b>	<b>Sheraton Crescent, Phoenix</b>
Aug 24-30	Western Conference STaC	All Local Clubs Participating
Sept 11-13	Prescott Fall Sectional	Prescott Community Center
Sept 21-27	Las Vegas Glitter Gulch Sectional	Riviera Hotel
<b>Oct 2-4</b>	<b>Phoenix Horn O'Plenty Sectional</b>	<b>DoubleTree Hotel, Scottsdale</b>
Oct 15-18	Tucson Fall Sectional	Holiday Inn Palo Verde
Oct 23-25	Laughlin Sectional	River Palms Hotel
Oct 30-Nov 1	Tucson 299er Sectional	Holiday Inn Palo Verde

## Bid More Winning Slams

### A Book Review by Jerry Gaer

Many of you have attended the local bridge seminars put on by retired physician, Dr. Wayne Sands, so you are familiar with his innovative approach to teaching. Others of you have played against him at local clubs and tournaments.

All of you have had the opportunity to experience his enthusiasm for the game. Now you all can read about his ideas in his new book, ***Bid More Winning Slams***.

Set in a summer 'boot camp,' it lays out in an orderly fashion the many methods used by expert players to bid slams.

Have you ever wondered how your opponents seemed to find their way through a difficult, complex auction to get to the right high-level contract? How they seem to stay out of the unmakeable ones, yet get to the right ones?

Dr. Sands spells it all out, using many examples from real life. Several of the hands are from local sessions with myself as his partner.

The book is an entertaining read in its own right as well as a bonus to its instructional benefit. This is one addition to your bridge library that will reap many rewards as you see your slam bidding improve.

## In Memory...

**IMRE SANDOR**, a Silver Life master and devoted bridge enthusiast both at Doty-Bridge and on the internet, passed away Apr. 4. Imre and his wife, Kati, came from Budapest, Hungary in 1956. They were both physicians who joined the medical staff of Banner Good Samaritan



Hospital where Imre became a professor of internal medicine. Along with his passion for bridge, he was also a lover of classical music and had the largest collection of cravats which he wore on all occasions. He will be missed and let us hope that where he may be, it's not in a no smoking area.

**ANN WRIGHT**, a well-liked Scottsdale player, died May 9 after a long bout with cancer. A former Washington, D.C. real estate executive, she moved here with her husband, Harold, ten years ago. She played frequently at Doty-Bridge, AZ BridgeWorks, Gainey Ranch and at the Scottsdale House. Her husband and two daughters survive her.



**Clubs with Daily Games**

**Clubs with Weekly Games**



**AZ BridgeWorks**

7540 East 6th Avenue  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85251  
 Owner: Joy Balsler  
[www.azbridge.com](http://www.azbridge.com)  
 (480) 990-3999

**Brain Sport Bridge Club**

9619 N. Hayden Rd. # 105  
 Mountain View Plaza  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
 Owner: Ava Lampert  
 (480) 607-5505

**DotyBridge—Scottsdale**

7000 E Shea Blvd. #1810  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85254  
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 (480) 443-3850

**Kiva West DBC**

Beardsley Recreation Center  
 12755 Beardsley Road  
 Sun City West, AZ 85375  
 Manager: Nancy Smith  
*Invitational*  
 (623) 584-6663

**Peoria Bridge Studio**

9720 W Peoria Ave. #104  
 Peoria, AZ 85345  
 Owners: Barb Schooley and  
 George Mraz  
[thepeoriabridgestudio.com](http://thepeoriabridgestudio.com)  
 (623) 974-9080

**Black Mountain Bridge Club**

Terravita Clubhouse  
 34034 N. 69th Way  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85262  
 Director: Tim Rumoshosky  
 • Mondays 6:30 pm at Terravita  
 •Thursdays 6:30 pm at Anthem  
 Outlet Mall  
*Reservations required via email*  
[www.blackmtnbridge.com](http://www.blackmtnbridge.com)

**Fountain Hills DBC**

13011 N La Montana Dr.  
 Fountain Hills, AZ 85268  
 Owner: Dee Harden  
 • Mondays 12:00 pm  
*Reservations required*  
 (480) 816-9657

**Granite Reef Bridge Club**

Granite Reef Senior Center  
 1700 N Granite Reef Road  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85257  
 Director: Kay Glantz  
 • Tuesdays 6:30 pm  
 Game limited to 0-1500 Mps  
 (480) 396-3304

**Lakeview Recreation Center (Sun City DBC)**

10626 West Thunderbird Rd  
 Sun City, AZ 85372  
 Manager: Helen Koppel  
 • Mondays 12:30 pm  
*Invitational—Guests Welcome*  
 (623) 876-4027

**Marinette Recreation Center (Sun City II DBC)**

9860 West Union Hills Dr.  
 Sun City, AZ 85373  
 Manager: Helen Koppel  
 • Thursdays 12:30 pm  
*Invitational—Guests Welcome*  
 (623) 876-4027

**Pebble Creek DBC**

3289 N. Snead  
 Goodyear, AZ 85338  
 Manager: Sue Woodard  
 • Mondays 1:00 pm  
 • Thursdays 6:00 pm  
*Pebble Creek Residents only*  
 (623) 935-7327

**Scottsdale House**

4800 N. 68th St.  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85251  
 • Thursdays 7:00 pm  
*Invitational-reservations req'd*  
 (480) 941-8135

**Westbrook Village DBC**

Lakes Recreation Center  
 18826 N. 94th Ave.  
 Peoria, AZ 85382  
 Director: Joan Du Chemin  
 • Mondays 12:30 pm  
 • Thursdays 6:00 pm  
*Invitational*  
 (623) 566-1046

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## Recent 70% Games

### AZ Bridgeworks

03-25 70.83% Steven Adelson & David Zapatka  
 03-30 71.00% Kelly Aanenson & Anne Zell \*  
 04-01 76.39% Sam Whitten & Ken Klein  
 04-06 70.14% Barry Smolkin & Larry Kaner  
 04-06 71.78% Lou Rich & Ron Robins \*  
 04-17 71.15% Michael & Barbara Flanagan  
 05-03 70.35% Joyce Tamsen & Estella Schotz  
 05-04 70.91% Linda Green & Darcy Schroeder  
 05-04 74.06% AJ & Sue Stock \*  
 05-06 70.37% Steven Adelson & David Zapatka  
 05-27 70.99% Kathy Schenk & Ken Klein  
 06-01 71.23% Alvin & Willie Ann Ross \*  
 06-03 70.60% Richard Gitter & Ron Fischer  
 06-14 70.83% David Rankin, Ron Fisher, Chas  
 Quenneville, & Rich Gitter (BAM)  
 06-16 74.20% Ken Barbour & Marilyn Glasberg

### Black Mountain Bridge Club

06-05 71.05% Lucie Protz & Rita Stephens

### The Peoria Bridge Studio

03-19 73.00% Susan Cherches & Marg. Sanders  
 05-14 70.00% Rosemary & Jim Peters  
 05-23 71.99% Joan & Ernie Ivey  
 06-13 71.00% Jan & Skip Simpson

### Kiva West

03-27 70.00% Bill & Marylou Willrett  
 04-07 71.50% Norm & Sharon Bialek  
 04-25 71.74% Patricia Lutes & Millie Singer  
 05-15 70.83% Sandra Cohn & Pauline Miller  
 05-18 71.81% Joan Bogenschild & Doris Giesler  
 06-04 71.96% JoAnn Ankeny & Mitchell Weisberg  
 06-10 71.02% Ann & Martin Hauser  
 06-11 70.06% JoAnn Ankeny & Sherman Cohen  
 06-15 71.76% Sheila Bleiman & Larry Paisley

\* = supervised game

## ***Fabulous Hospitality!***

Our famed hospitality suite at the Desert Empire Regional provides a great place to connect with other players during the tournament. You can talk about the game, meet new people or hook up with long-lost friends.

C'mon up to **Room 628** Tuesday thru Saturday afternoons (Aug. 18-22) from 4:30 to 6:00 and again late night from 10:15 to 11:00.

*Note: Monday's private reception is for Pro-Am participants only; you must have a special name tag for admission. Regular hospitality hours begin Tuesday.*