

ACBL Unit 373 Newsletter



Spring 2008

Upcoming Events

Unit Game
North American Bridge
Championships
Glitter Gulch Sectional

May 18
July 17 - 27
September 22 - 28

A Bridge Connection
Las Vegas Hilton
Riviera Hotel & Casino

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Message From the Editor

Having recently traveled to an out-of-town Regional, I have come to the conclusion that we are really lucky to live in Las Vegas. The regional was small, four little candy bars were distributed at each table, and the masterpoint awards were very low compared to Las Vegas. But I think the biggest difference is that the district runs the tournament rather than the local unit. Running a Regional is a lot of work but our unit reaps the rewards. And what do we do with our proceeds? We provide entertainment or food nearly every day, workers get free plays, and let's not forget those never ending bowls of candy. We give back to the players and the players reward us by coming to our tournaments and telling their friends. Of course this wouldn't be possible without our tireless volunteers and workers. Thank you all for a job well done.

Another reason we are lucky to live in Las Vegas is that we host the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) more often than any other city. If you have never attended an NABC, you are in for a treat - entertainment centered around an Elvis theme, food events, giveaways, a great variety of nonstop bridge games for every player level, and players from all over the world. Although our Unit is not involved in the tournament administration, we hope that out-of-town players who have a good time at the NABC will return for our Regionals and Sectionals. If you plan to play and can spare an extra hour or two, this is your opportunity to volunteer and show the rest of the country why Las Vegas is the best Unit in the country. Some areas in need of volunteers are registration, information, section top awards, and partnerships. Contact Barbara Vasilevsky at 873-9197.

Elvis is Coming

You will not want to miss the first weekend in Las Vegas. Elvis, yes ELVIS, will be performing for us Friday and Saturday nights. Get ready to sing along with the King! For the week you'll be fed a steady diet of classic 50's & 60's sock hop, soft rock and slow dance tunes nightly in our very own late evening dance hall ... DJ Rick Roeder included. You'll sway to the mellow tones of the Platters, rock to Bill Haley and twist to Chubby Checker. Delicious light refreshments will be served 10:30 p.m.

On the second Friday, July 25, be sure to wear your Hawaiian gear, in honor of Betty Bratcher's west coast tradition, "Hawaii Day." Don't forget to put on that floral shirt!

During early hours of the week visit Teatro Elvis, our small movie theater playing DVDs of Las Vegas concerts including Elvis, Barry Manilow, Celine Dion, & Barbra Streisand. One midday we offer an Elvis photo op with autographed CDs, and on a separate morning we'll have a Las Vegas showgirls photo op. See it all at: www.LasVegasNABC2008.com



NABC Assistant Chair Bonnie Bagley & Unit 373 President Barb Dunkley greet the King

Las Vegas ♥♠

GILTTIER & GULCH

SECTIONAL



2901 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas NV 89109
702 734-5110 or Toll Free 800 634-6753

September 22-28, 2008

Monday, September 22

3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
(All Monday afternoon events are black points)
7:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Evening KO's Rd 1 of 3

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Tee-Wed KO's Rd 1 of 3
3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Tee-Wed KO's Rd 2 of 3
Stratified Swiss Teams
7:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams
Bracketed Evening KO's Rd 2 of 3

CARD FEES

\$10.00 per session/per player
for clubs paying ACGC members
\$13.00 per session/per player for all others

Stairs: A 2000+ B 750-2000 C 0-750
I.N. 0-20 50 110 200 300

Flights: A/X 5000+/B 3000 B 0-2000 C 0-750
All Stratified Swiss Events are bracketed by team's
average MP rating

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Tee-Wed KO's Final Rd
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO's Rd 1 of 3
3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO's Rd 2 of 3
7:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified Bored-a-Match Teams
Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams
Bracketed Evening KO's Final Rd

Thursday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO's Final Rd
Bracketed Thur-Fri KO's Rd 1 of 3
3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Thur-Fri KO's Rd 2 of 3
7:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams
Bracketed Evening KO's Rd 1 of 3

Friday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Thur-Fri KO's Final Rd
Bracketed Fri-Sat KO's Rd 1 of 3
3:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Fri-Sat KO's Rd 2 of 3
7:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams
Bracketed Evening KO's Rd 2 of 3

Saturday, September 27

10:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Compact KO's Rd 1
Bracketed Fri-Sat KO's Final Rd
3:00 p.m. Helen Allen Memorial
Flighted Trophy Pairs
0-300 Trophy Pairs
Compact KO's Final Rd
7:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams
Bracketed Evening Ko's Final Rd

Non-smoking tournament with respiratory breaks

Sunday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
Flighted Swiss Teams
7 Matches/7 Boards
Playthrough - No Lunch/Dinner Break-
Snack Bar in playing area
1:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
ALL SUNDAY EVENTS WILL FINISH BY 5:00 P.M.

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Riviera's newly
renodeled rooms!*
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KNOCKOUT TEAMS

Evening 7:30 p.m. Mon-Wed
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Sun-Wed 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m./10:00 a.m.
Wed-Thur 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m./10:00 a.m.
Thur-Fri 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m./10:00 a.m.
Fri-Sat 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m./10:00 a.m.
Sat Compact 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

For Special Bridge Rates at the Riviera
\$84 Sun-Thur \$99 Fri-Sat. Reserve by Sep. 1

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Club News

Seville Terrace Duplicate Bridge

2000 North Rampart
Bill & Irene Price 228-1024
Peg & Dewy Cundiff 645-5778
Leon & Judy Angel 263-0135

Open duplicate Fridays 12:30 pm

Seville players enjoy happy and gentle bridge. New-comers and experienced players are welcome. Come and enjoy Owen's gourmet cookies, Judy's brownies, Petey's dips and other refreshments.

Congratulations to our series winners:

JANUARY

A: Harumi Beers, Marianne Keller, Nancy Welsh, and Matti Shibe

B: Sally Ritter, Val Anderson, Ursula Epstein, Judy & Leon Angel, and Larry Beers

C: Beverly & Norm Powell, Bobbie Pensler, Gilda Cohen, Gerry Fischer, Jackie Hedges, and Lew Aronow

FEBRUARY

A: M. Keller, Sally Ritter, N. Welsh, and Paul Bloom

B: J. & L. Angel, L. Beers, Howard Cornblith, S. Goldstein

C: Oscar Chiodi, Sheila Davis, Owen Kline, Lynda Tully, Peggy Galin, Gilda Cohen

MARCH

A: Harumi Beers, Nancy Welsh, and Shirley Waldman

B: L. Beers, Bill & Petey Price, J. & L. Angel, V. Anderson

C: Jackie Hedges, L. Aronow, S. Goldstein, Roger Reid, Gilda Cohen

Championship game winners:

NS: Robert Hiltz & Donna Duncan, Luise Shafritz & Irv Yesinick, Eileen & Bud English, Anna Itkis & Amos Oka

EW: Judy Angel & Gloria Traxler, Bob Scherer & Shirley Waldman, Duane Beisner & George Diamond, Norma McCarter & Joan Williams

Boulder Bridgers

Senior Citizen Center 813 Arizona St.
Boulder City, Nevada 89005
Anita Leighton (702) 457-3111

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm duplicate

We had a charity Club Championship game in January. Jeanette Novoselek and Anita Leighton came in first. Ted Shade and Cathe Rennie placed second.

Miriam Giles celebrated her 90th birthday in March. Judy Bright, Billie Strong, and Jackie Freedman have been missed recently. Judy broke her hip in March. She's back home now but not ready to return to bridge yet. Billie is getting stronger after a recent illness as is Jackie Freedman who had surgery. We hope to have them back in action soon.

We will have a Club Championship April 23. We will be dark during the summer and resume play September 3. We hope everyone has a great summer.

Las Vegas Bridge Center

610 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 11
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
Owner and Director: Jeff Neal
Telephone: (702) 735-5141

We meet 7 days each week for bridge at 1 pm, plus Thursday at 9:30 am. All games are ACBL sanctioned.

Winners in our first quarter of 2008 were:

Home-style - George Schneider & Marvin Feldman
Duplicate - Nancy Jansen & Ray Misch, Bobbie Hayes & Jill Toth, Ron Golonka & Steve Klein, Proctor Hawkins & George Kovarik, and Julie Cotner & George Saffels.

We just completed our Beginning class with 17 graduates and our present Intermediate/Advanced class has 16 eager students.

Upcoming Club Championships

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day - at 1 pm; Friday, June 6 at 1 pm; Thursday, June 19 at 1 pm; Wednesday, June 25 at 1 pm; and Sunday, June 29 at 1 pm.

Remember if you tend to get cold under air conditioning, bring a sweater to the club. Everyone please have a very pleasant spring and summer.

Jeff, DeeDee, and the gang

Bridge World II

Charleston Heights Cultural Arts Center
800 South Brush
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
Manager: Loretta Brown 735-3114

Tuesday through Friday Duplicate: 12:30 pm
Free coffee and home made goodies! Call to see if we are playing at another site.

We're really proud of Carolyn Stonskas and Rick Killoran, two of our great C players. They were first in A, B & C and beat a good N/S field. We had a special half hour question period for Bobby Wolff on Friday, Feb. 28 which was very successful. Bill Johnson is directing our Thursday games and filling in for Patty Holmes when she is away on Tuesdays. Bill is a good director and everyone seems to like him, so does the staff.

We are holding STAC games in May; lots of silver points. Our games are all special events.

In flight A, the highest percentage games are: Ann & Gary Ullman (70.88%), Si Dombu & Gary Ullman (68.75%), Proctor Hawkins & George Kovarik (68.86%), and Bobby & Judy Wolff (68.76%). In B, T.P. Goyal & Chuck Hopson (69.56%).

Hope to see you all at the Nationals,

Loretta & Staff

Spring Mountain Bridge Club

450 S Buffalo Dr. #107

Teacher and Director: Charlene Mintz
278-8614 or 364-9960

Evening Games-6:30 pm

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Novice 0-200 pts - presentation, discussion and game

Monday 9:30 am & 6:00 pm,

Thursday & Thursday 12:00 pm

Beginning & Refresher Classes - Lesson & game

Monday 5:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 pm

Presentations and discussions, included before all games, are geared toward a solid foundation in bidding modern style. Basic concepts and conventions are presented for the mere enjoyment of this fascinating game or to master intricate tricks of bidding and play. Our evening games are popular because of the friendly camaraderie of the players and our beautiful playing room. We are attended by players within the novice rank all the way up to Life Masters and above. If you need a partner, call Charlene.

Upcoming Events

May

STAC - Silver points Tues 6, Thurs 8, Sat 10, Sun 11

Club Championships: Sat 17 & Thurs 23

Potluck & Upgraded Championship: Sun 25, 5:30

June

Club Championships: Sat 7, Tues 10, Tues 24

ACBL Club Membership (extra points): Thurs 29

Potluck & Upgraded Championship: Sun 29, 5:30

July

Club Championships: Thurs 3, Sat 12, Thurs 31

Potluck & Upgraded Championship: Sun 27, 5:30

Recent Masterpoint Winners

Congratulations to top masterpoint winners: Harumi Beers, Donna Duncan, Bob Hiltz, Stan Hall, Janet Fidelman, Larry Beers, Mel Fineberg, Al Ambrosio, Virginia Howells, Barbara Quintero, Teddi Mikkelson, Toby Mcevoy, Barbara Wishnev, Bob Lafleur, Bobbie Pensler, and Joyce Modica.

Hope to see you soon.

Charlene & Stan

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Web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~abridge1>

Fees: \$5.00 Members - \$6.00 Non-Members

Monday through Friday, Dup 12:30 pm

Friday - TGIF Dup 7:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday Pairs, Dup 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Masters' Club 6:30 pm

Partners are available for all player levels. Watch the Website Calendar for the game schedule or pick up a Calendar at the Club

April was ACBL's Charity Fund month. March and April Club charity donations were given to the National Transplant Assistance Fund at the request of Liz Halloran. We thank all bridge players at A Bridge Connection for their donations to support this Fund.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 5 - 11: Great Western Spring STaC IX - Earn silver masterpoints during eight sessions of pre-duplicated boards in the second largest sectional in the country.

June 6 and June 7, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon respectively: Worldwide Bridge Contest. Masterpoint awards are 50 percent Red and 50 percent Black at this 100 percent sectionally rated game.

THE MASTERS CLUB - Wed evenings at 6:30 pm - is an open game with pre-duplicated boards and IMP scoring. This game is competitive for players looking for stiffer competition. Call Carole with any questions or partnership requests.

SUNDAY PAIRS - LUNCH: This game is relaxed as pairs enjoy lunch prior to a great game of duplicate bridge. What a way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your bridge buddies!

BRIDGE LESSONS: Phyllis Pratt is teaching an ongoing Beginner through Intermediate class every Thursday morning at 10:45 am. The class is 1-1/2 hours, ending at approximately 12:10 pm to allow the students to hear the presentation by Fred Hamilton at 12:15 pm. Phyllis welcomes all players interested in coming back to bridge who need a refresher course and those who are progressing through the intermediate level. The class addresses good bidding technique, partnership agreements, and play of the hand. Call Phyllis at 316.4133 for more information.

The MENTOR PROGRAM continues to grow as a very successful program. For more information about the program and becoming a mentor or mentee, please call Carole at 249-4902.

Please feel welcome to enjoy this world's greatest game at A Bridge Connection! The Club is promoting fairness, good bridge ethics and proprietary rules to promote the enjoyment of the game for all players!

Carole; and Directors Barbara, Florine, Cyndi and Phil

Henderson Bridge Club

Owners: Don and Shirley Weglin 420-0122

REGULAR GAMES:

Monday 5:30 pm (MG)

Tuesday 1:30 pm (SC)

Thursday 1:00 pm (MG)

Saturday 10:00 am (MG)

(MG) Multi-Generational Bldg, 250 S. Green Valley Pkwy;

(SC) The Henderson Senior Center, 27 E Texas St

SPECIAL GAMES:

Thursday, May 8 : ACBL-Wide International Fund Game

STAC GAMES: Monday, May 5; Tuesday, May 6; and
Saturday, May 10.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JUNE: Monday 16,

Tuesday 17, Thursday 19, and Saturday 21.

WE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE NATIONALS JULY
17 - 27.

Congratulations to our newest life master, Nancy
Jansen. Great bridge, Nancy!

WINNERS! WINNERS! WINNERS!

Overall winners of our DISTRICT-WIDE CHARITY GAME
were Proctor Hawkins & Barbara Bivins (a) and David
Gustafson & Shirley Weglin (b). Also winning in their
direction were Renee Carter & Jan McClintock (a);
Harriet Wells & Helen Gambel (b); Stuart Opotowsky &
Gary Legum (c).

WINNERS OF OUR SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY GAME:

N/S: Renee Carter & Jan McClintock (a); Ann & Larry
Sandell (b); Dixie Sue Allsbrook & Barbara Bovard (c).

E/W: Midge Cristadoro & Bruce Rubin (a); Nancy
Jansen & Carol Shelby (b,c). The first place winners in
each direction received a rose plant.

WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR FUND GAMES:

Sat: N/S: Ray Misch & Nancy Jansen (a); Ann & Larry
Sandell (b). E/W: Judy & Dee McDonald (a); Toy
Uchizono & Lou Anne Winters (b,c).

Mon: N/S: Charlyn & Steve Johnson (a,b); Pat Worrall
& Trudy Callahan (c). E/W: Fred Manus & Paul
Goldensohn (a,b,c).

Tues: N/S: Marty Mells & Gail Frank (a); Harriet Wells
& Helen Gambel (b). E/W: Joe Corbo & Jim Earlam
(a,b); Nancy Jansen & Faye Stanhope (c).

Thurs: N/S: Nell Schanz & Randy Zeibert (a); Charles
Djerf & Midge Cristadoro (b); Dixie Sue Allsbrook &
Barbara Bovard (c). E/W: Carol Warren & Terri
Sunderland (a,b); Walt Coffey and Fred Manus (c).

WINNERS OF OUR MARCH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Sat: N/S: Bob Porter & Jane Ahnger (a,b); Gary Miller
& Gerry Hoffman tied with Alice Bales & Doris
Greenroos (c). E/W: Allan Brody & Morty Kogut (a,b);
Roy & Faye Diamond (c).

Mon: N/S: Gary Miller & Gerry Hoffman (a,b,c). E/W:
Faye Stanhope & Joan Willard (a,b,c).

Tues: N/S: George Kovarik & Proctor Hawkins (a);
Joan Willard & Joe Corbo (b,c).

Thurs: N/S: Jan McClintock & Renee Carter (a);
Charles Djerf & Jim Kolson (b); Ron Hook & Judy
Belknap (c). E/W: Charlyn Johnson & Jane Ahnger
(a,b); Lou Anne Winters & Toy Uchizono (c).

2007 Mini-McKenney Unit 373 Winners

The annual Mini-McKenney masterpoint races are won
by the member from each masterpoint category who
earns the most total masterpoints during the year.

<u>Point Range</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Points Won</u>
0 - 5	Piero Campanile	96.60
5 - 20	Ingrid Sturm	74.58
20 - 50	Geraldine Fischer	102.91
50 - 100	Larry Lee	214.95
100 - 200	Al White	120.57
200 - 300	Donna Duncan	159.81
300 - 500	Rick Lepscier	303.92
500 - 1000	Jane Rubin	287.97
1000 - 2500	Robert Johnson	381.22
2500 - 5000	Carol Stewart	336.64
5000 - 7500	Keith Garber	457.14
7500 - 10000	Fred Gitelman	711.97
Above 10000	Mike Passell	1,940.41

2007 Ace of Clubs Award Winners

The annual Ace of Clubs masterpoint races are won by
the player from each masterpoint category through
Diamond Life Master (5000 - 7500) who earns the
most masterpoints in club games during the year.

<u>Point Range</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Points Won</u>
0 - 5	Alphonso Ambrosio	34.78
5 - 20	Marvin Weitzenhoffer	64.19
20 - 50	Geraldine Fischer	84.63
50 - 100	Larry Lee	168.59
100 - 200	Al White	95.72
200 - 300	Donna Duncan	78.26
300 - 500	Jan Condit	113.09
500 - 1000	Jane Rubin	126.49
1000 - 2500	Robert Johnson	226.10
2500 - 5000	Tom Grue	187.19
5000 - 7500	Marianne Keller	146.94
7500 - 10000	Gary Tomczyk	127.68
Above 10000	Leonard Ernst	116.72

Congratulations to all winners of awards. This years
contest is already underway - see next page for current
races.



Need a partner? Visit
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yourself or find someone
interested in playing.

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