



# Unit News

## Sunshine

The first quarter of this year we lost a lovely lady, Harriett Wells. Condolences were sent to her husband.

Eileen English had open heart surgery; Jan Schwitters and Joe Caplan had hip replacements; Stu Opotowski and Geraldine Fischer had knee surgery; and Della Willis had a brief hospital stay in February.

If you hear of someone in need of a little sunshine, please contact Dixie Allsbrook (499-3238) or Barbara Bovard (914-0934).

## Tournament for non-Life Masters

We've got a new tournament on the Unit schedule. This trophy event is a handicapped match play tournament for non-Life Masters. The winning pair will be crowned the Las Vegas non-Life Master Match Play Champions. The matches will be set according to the bracket, but the day and place of the match will be arranged by the players themselves and played in clubs during the regular club games. The pair having the larger net score (after accounting for handicap) will advance to the next round. Opponents will have about two weeks to arrange a match. The tournament will begin shortly after the June Regional, and after a series of eliminations the final match will take place at our September Sectional. To sign up or for more information, contact Dixie Sue Allsbrook, 499-3238, or Tom Shulman, 367-2057. The deadline for entering is June 30 and the entry fee is \$10/pair.

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## Volunteers needed for Senior Team Trials

July 5-12, 2009

Contact Barbara Dunkley

645-6841

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## New Life Master Requirements

If you are not a Life Master and your ACBL membership is not active as of December 31, 2009, you will be required to fulfill the new Life Master requirements. It also means that if you let your ACBL membership lapse after January 1, 2010, before you become a Life Master, the new requirements will apply to you. In other words, if you joined before December 31, 2009 and you keep your membership current, these new requirements *do not apply to you*.

As of January 1, 2010, the requirements for attaining Life Master status will change to 500 total masterpoints, of which, 50 must be gold or platinum, 50 red, gold or platinum, 75 silver and 75 black.

The requirements for all of you who are not life masters but keep your membership active is 300 or more masterpoints recorded by the ACBL, of which 100 must be pigmented, with 50 silver, 25 gold, and 25 red or gold.

**PLATINUM POINTS** are awarded for NABC+ events and include the national-rated senior and women's events with no upper masterpoint limit.

**GOLD POINTS** are awarded at North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) in national-rated events that have an upper limit of at least 750 masterpoints. Gold points are awarded for overall positions and for section firsts in all two-session regional-rated events with an upper limit of at least 750 masterpoints at NABCs and regional tournaments.

**RED POINTS** are awarded for all regionally rated events at NABCs and for all events at a regional tournament, when the masterpoints are not gold (SEE above). In addition, red points are awarded for certain special events.

**SILVER POINTS** are awarded exclusively in all events at sectional tournaments and also at ACBL-sanctioned sectional tournaments held in clubs.

**BLACK POINTS** are awarded for overall positions, section positions, and match awards in ACBL sanctioned club games; in all unit events; and in all other levels of tournament competition except those in which gold, red, or silver points or online points are awarded.

**ONLINE POINTS** are awarded for internet masterpoint events and are colorless.

## Club News

### Atria-Seville Duplicate Bridge

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

Games: Tuesday & Friday at 12:30 pm.

We have a new name, Atria-Seville, and new emblem. We hope you will come and play in our friendly game every Friday. Happy players, great food, lots of masterpoints. Currently we will also play on Tuesdays in May. Please call Peg (645-5778) or Judy (243 0195) about Tuesday games after May.

We are proud of Nancy Welsh who earned her 1000th masterpoint at Atria.

Oscar Chiodi and Sheila Davis won first place in the Tuesday May Club Championship.

Congratulations to our Atria Series Winners!

Apr.: Strat A: Harumi Beers, Eileen & Bud English, Shirley Waldman, and Amos Oka  
Strat B: Judy & Leon Angel, Bob Scherer, Val Anderson, Ursula Epstein, Marie Sullivan  
Strat C: Roger & Rita Reid, Bobbie Pensler, Jackie Hedges, Owen Kline, Judy Schaffer

Mar.: Strat A: Eileen & Bud English, Harumi Beers, Madelyn Shibe  
Strat B: Duane Beisner, Judy & Leon Angel, Bob Scherer, Val Anderson, Ursula Epstein  
Strat C: Sue Bella, Barbara Carlson, Jim Dunford, Bobbie Pensler, Jackie Hedges, Owen Kline

Feb.: Strat A: Harumi Beers, Eileen & Bud English, Shirley Waldman, Amos Oka  
Strat B: Bob Scherer, Judy & Leon Angel, Val Anderson, Bill & Petey Price  
Strat C: Roger & Rita Reid, Sid Goldstein, Sheila Davis, Oscar Chiodi, Trish DeKeyser, Owen Kline

Looking forward to seeing you at Atria Seville!!

leon&judy, petey&bill, peg&dewy

### Boulder Bridgers

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

Directors: Anita Leighton & Miriam Giles  
Games: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Our Club Championship on February 18 resulted in a tie between Ted Shade & Cathe Rennie, and Shirley Nix & Fran Gaertner.

Our second six week tournament concluded in March. Jeanette Novoselek & Anita Leighton came in first, Donna Hague & Bea Clark were second. Helga Tangen & Judy Bright finished in third.

Our third six week tournament ended April 15. Terry Schleppegrell & Peggy Allesee came in first. Helga Tangen & Judy Bright placed second. Jeanette Novoselek & Anita Leighton came in third.

On May 20th we will be having a dinner for our members at Evan's Old Town Grille. We will be dark during June, July and August. We will resume play on September 9. We hope everyone has a great summer.

### Henderson Bridge Club

1536 N. Boulder Hwy  
Henderson  
Owners: Don and Shirley Weglin 420-0122

Tuesday - Thursday and Sunday at 12:30 pm  
Monday at 6:00 pm  
Friday at 6:30 pm  
Saturday at 10:00 am

Every day is a special day at the Henderson Bridge Club. We have special bridge games — an Education Fund game, a STaC game, or a Charity game — every day. This means your superior skills will earn you more points! Come out for our special bridge games and be sure to sample the delicious food prepared by Nell Schanz. Nell puts out a nice spread every day. We are very thankful to Nell for all the planning, shopping, and cooking and we are glad that she is feeling better.

Don't forget about our Friday night game that begins at 6:30 pm.

## Las Vegas Bridge World

Charleston Heights Cultural Arts Center  
800 South Brush  
Las Vegas  
Joanne Euler 419-2385  
Dixie Perkinson 562-9992

Website: LVBRIDGEWORLD.COM. For partners or Information please call Joanne or Dixie.

Games: 12:30 pm Tuesday through Friday  
1:00 pm Saturday

The Las Vegas Bridge World will be having Saturday games starting in May. They will be at Charleston Heights Art Center with game time at 1 pm. We are pleased to announce Jeff Neal will be joining our team and will direct the Saturday game. Once in a while we cannot play at the Art Center so please check our calendar each month. In June we will be closed Saturday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 17th, as well as the week of the regional tournament.

Joanne, Dixie, and Staff

### A Bridge Connection

On May 10, A Bridge Connection closed.



## Spring Mountain Bridge Club

1151 S Buffalo Dr #100  
Southwest corner of Buffalo & Charleston  
Teacher and Director: Charlene Mintz  
278-8614 or 364-9960

Sunday 6:30 pm open duplicate  
Monday 12 pm open duplicate,  
6 pm intermed. lesson & game (0-200)  
Tuesday 12 pm intermed. lesson & game (0-200)  
6:00 pm 2/1 lesson with Bob Lafleur  
6:30 pm open duplicate  
7 pm Beginner-refresher class  
Thursday 12 pm intermed. lesson & game (0-200)  
6:30 pm open duplicate  
Saturday 6:30 pm open duplicate

If you need a partner, call Charlene

Lessons are geared toward providing a solid foundation in modern bidding style. Basic concepts and conventions are presented for the mere enjoyment of this fascinating game and/or to master intricate tricks of bidding and play.

Join us and play with our friendly group. Our evening games are popular because of the camaraderie of the players and our beautiful playing room. Players of all levels attend our games.

### Upcoming Events

#### JUNE

Club Championships – Sunday 7, Thursday 11,  
Tuesday 16 - 6:30 pm  
Pot Luck & Upgraded Championship – Sunday 28  
5:30 pm

#### JULY

Saturday – 4th of July- dessert party & game  
6:00 pm  
Club Championships – Tuesday 7, Thursday 16,  
Sunday 19 6:30 pm  
Pot Luck & Upgraded Championship – Sunday 26

#### AUGUST

Club Championships – Thursday 6, Sunday 16,  
Thurs. 27  
Pot Luck & Upgraded Championship – Sunday 23

#### SEPTEMBER

Club Championships – Thursday 10, Tuesday 15,  
Saturday 19  
Pot Luck & Upgraded Championship – Sunday 27

We hope to see you soon.  
Charlene & Stan

# Membership

## New Members

Teri Grunostedt	John Polhill
Judith Haslett	Judith Sylvain
Wilford Haslett, Jr	Peter Thomas
Charles McCrea	

## Transfers Into Unit 373

Rose Lee Blaufarb	Ruthye Sager
Patricia Calleri	Ronald Siegrist
Gerald Cohen	Jerrold Smith
Miles Gunter	Neil Snyder
Beverly Linder	Sharon Treumann
Bernice May	Margaret Vann
Rick Pleiss	Alexander Weiland
Dennis Rady	

## Transfers Out of Unit 373

Rita Barcus	James Kolson
Ruth Beam	Susan Kolson
Richard Blakely	Mark Novisoff
George Churchill	Ginny Rasmussen
Jim Eastham	Betsy Rhodes
Rhoda Engelson	Sharon Roberts
Ellen Hamil	Alan Susskind
John Haxton	John Walsh
Kay Higer	Mary Walsh
Nathan Higer	

## Bridge Milestones

### New Junior Masters

Trudy Dettmer	Jan Schwitters
Bernice May	Kevin Tone
Lee Pearn	

### New Club Masters

Kittredge Bach	Alice Hunt
Jim Cooper	Fay Richmond
Renee Hall	Jan Schwitters
James Holzhauser	

### New Sectional Masters

Jo Goldsmith	Joyce Modica
Thelma Mikkelsen	Bob Siegel

### New Regional Masters

Dixie Sue Allsbrook	Helen Newton
Douglas Bufis	Ingrid Sturm
Susan Chook	Wesley Wu
Shelia Davis	Lenore Yellen
Dianne Maffia	

### New NABC Masters

Lois Daley	Sandie Stern
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### New Life Masters

Howard Kroll	Linda Schanz
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### New Silver Life Master

Nancy Fillmore

### New Gold Life Master

Lois Carter

### New Diamond Life Master

Tom Grue



## In Memoriam

Eunice Combs      Ellie Chatfield  
Harriett Wells



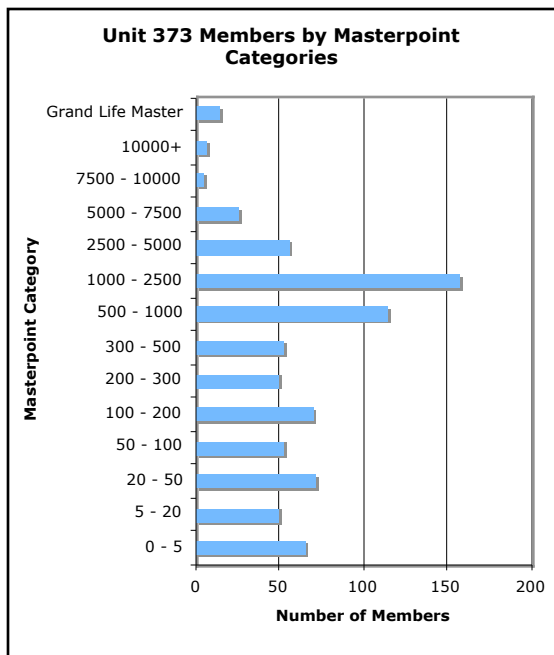
## 2009 Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Races

Below are the current standings for the 2009 masterpoint races. Visit our website, [www.lasvegasbridge.com](http://www.lasvegasbridge.com), and follow the Masterpoint Races link to check the current status.

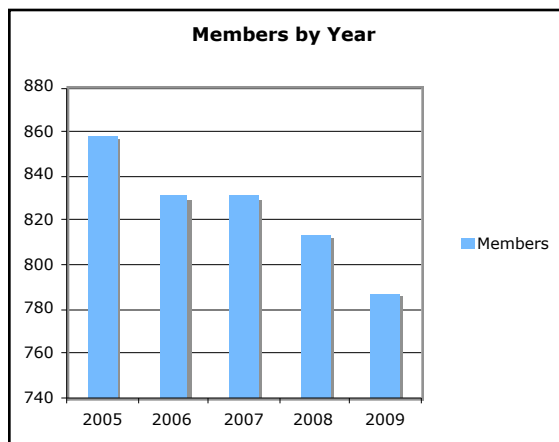
Point Range	Mini-McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0 - 5	<b>Teri Grunostead (6.85)</b> Peter Thomas (5.41) Judith Sylvain (5.22)	<b>Teri Grunostead (6.85)</b> Peter Thomas (5.41) Judith Sylvain (5.22)
5 - 20	<b>Jan Schwitters (17.69)</b> Fay Richmond (12.5) Renee Hall (10.58)	<b>Jan Schwitters (14.65)</b> Fay Richmond (10.21) Renee Hall (9.56)
20 -50	<b>D S Allsbrook (28.82)</b> Kittredge Bach (12.29) Diana Cooper (10.48)	<b>D S Allsbrook (20.98)</b> Kittredge Bach (11.84) Diana Cooper (9.78)
50 - 100	<b>Barb Bovard (34.13)</b> Toy Uchizono (15.86) Steve Seiden (15.33)	<b>Barb Bovard (26.29)</b> Al Ambrosio (15.29) Toy Uchizono (15.26)
100 - 200	<b>Lenore Yellen (45.37)</b> R Hollander (34.10) Dianne Maffia (33.16)	<b>Lenore Yellen (39.38)</b> R Hollander (29.45) Dianne Maffia (25)
200- 300	<b>Mel Fineberg (69.59)</b> Bob Yellen (61.87) G. Fischer (51.73)	<b>Bob Yellen (53.14)J.</b> Ingrid Sturm (47.98) G Fischer (45.58)
300 - 500	<b>M Weitzenhoffer (63)</b> Al White (49.1) Helen McCourt (39.87)	<b>M Weitzenhoffer (52)</b> Al White (44.13) Helen McCourt (27.02)
500 - 1000	<b>W. Kurkowski (90.21)</b> Patsy Huckabay (79.83) Larry Lee (71.17)	<b>Patsy Huckabay (63.51)</b> Larry Lee (56.53) Rick Lepscier (45.38)
1000 to 2500	<b>John Scibelli (117.29)</b> Tom Shulman (104.47) Bob Johnson (97.49)	<b>John Scibelli (104.05)</b> Tom Shulman (96.32) Bob Johnson (72.09)
2500 to 5000	<b>Tom Grue (221.63)</b> Diane Graese (108.76) Greg Nowak (105.99)	<b>Tom Grue (97)</b> Adis Dombu(75.25) Dennis Moore (58.76)
5000 to 7500	<b>Si Dombu (170.66)</b> John Jeffrey (110.72) Mark Epstein (99.92)	<b>Si Dombu (119.22)</b> Judy Kay-Wolff (73.25) John Jeffrey (55.02)
7500 to 10000	<b>Gary Tomczyk (137.21)</b> Roberta Epstein (94.87) Keith Garber (92.67)	<b>Gary Tomczyk (58.78)</b> Roberta Epstein (27.4) Murray Melton (3)
Over 10000	<b>Mike Passell (940.82)</b> Mark Jacobus (556.77) Curtis Cheek (554.61)	<b>Lenny Ernst (93.55)</b> Proctor Hawkins (70.37) Bobby Wolff (65.8)

## Message From the Editor

You may be interested in seeing what the Unit's membership looks like by masterpoint category. The change in the Life Master requirement could potentially effect slightly less than half of our membership. The article on the second page of this issue outlines the changes in the requirements. I'd like to reiterate that these changes only effect members who are not currently active as of December 31, 2009. Keep your membership active, and these changes will not apply to you.



An alarming trend in Unit 373's membership has been the decline. The chart below shows the active\* members as of May 1 for the past five years (\*2005 contained inactive Life Masters in the count). For the first time in many years, our membership has fallen below 800.



Rather than explore the reasons why the membership is decreasing, I'd like to outline who is and who is not a member of this Unit. If you pay ACBL dues and your address is in our vast membership area, you are a member of Unit 373. (I'm really preaching to the choir here, as only members of Unit 373 receive this newsletter.) If you are a non-Life Master and you do not pay your dues, you are no longer a member of ACBL or the Unit. You still might play bridge at a club and even play in tournaments, but you are no longer a member. If you are a Life Master and do not pay your dues, you are still a member of ACBL but you are no longer a member of this Unit. Inactive Life Masters become members of Unit 777. If your mailing address is not in our territory, you belong to the Unit where ACBL sends your mail. You may play and/or even live in Las Vegas, but you are not a member of this Unit.

Every October, ACBL sends us a master list of who belongs to this Unit. We use this master list to publish the directory *every other year*. We also use this master list during our annual elections. Do you ever wonder why so many of your bridge playing buddies are not in the directory? Ask them if they are members of ACBL; if they are, are they getting mail from ACBL at their Las Vegas address? Currently non-ACBL members pay an extra fee at tournaments and Unit games. I wonder how long it will be before ACBL starts charging the club owners additional fees for non-ACBL members each time they play at their club. I know there are a variety of reasons why players aren't members; however, this is your Unit and I challenge each of you to persuade non-members to become members - if for no other reason than they will be in the directory.

One last item before I get off my soapbox. I want to encourage everyone to visit our website - [www.lasvegasbridge.com](http://www.lasvegasbridge.com). We keep an updated directory of all Unit members. Did we not publish your phone number? You can see the phone number ACBL has listed for you on our site. Browse the site and find out other information about bridge in Las Vegas. You may have noticed that we removed email address from our last directory. You can email players directly from the website.

