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Highlights In This Issue

Unit Game August 13
Lunch Provided
Not Pot Luck

Fall Sectional
September 8-10

NLM Sectional
September 30—
October 1
RSVP on-line

NAP Qualifying
Games at SBC & Folsom

STaC Week
August 21-27
See Club pages
for game details

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President's Message

***Katherine Ewing, President
Unit 505 Board of Directors***

Greetings to all!

Thank you all for attending our Annual Meeting and Unit Swiss Team Game, it was a great success. A good time was had by all and as they were leaving a few people remarked upon what a lovely day and how up everyone seemed to be. Overall winners were:

1. Dave Willmott, Phil Schiffert, Nancy Cook, and Lori Choplin
2. Jean Cole & Daniel Rogers, Edwin & Katherine Ewing
3. Jim & Julie Chenu, Jim Bowman & Joel Lesser
3. Joanne Merry & John Jefferson, Gary & Jan Soules

Our next Unit Game will be August 13th at Folsom Bridge Center. See the flyer on page 7. If enough come, we will offer a 199'r game! All are welcome!

It's that time again, please consider volunteering to run for our Unit Board. You can lend your ideas and help to continue making our Unit the great place it is for our bridge players! Speak with any Board member (see the front page of this newsletter) or contact Pat Ingoglia, Election Chair at: 916-456-3343 or e-mail: patingoglia@hotmail.com

The board will be visited by candidates Jackie Zayac, Stu Goodgold and Jim Lueker running for the District 21 Director position. They will represent us on the District Directors Board. If you have a preference let a board member know as board members will vote in September.

Remember, on these HOT summer days, you can cool off at the local bridge clubs! Enjoy the food and drink lots of fluids. Stay well—see you August 13th!



President,
Katherine Ewing
announces the
winners.

Annual Meeting & Unit Game July 16, 2017

Congratulations



Mini-McKenney Winners

Left to Right: Joel Lesser (50-100), Teri Smoot (1500-2500), Judi Callaham (5000-7500), Josh Haskett (20-50), Gary McCormick (0-5), Daniel Rogers (300-500), Doug Allan (1000-1500), John Jefferson (2500-3500).

Ace of Clubs Award Winners

Left to Right: Laurie Vath (1000-1500), Joel Lesser (50-100), Ronnie McMurdie (over 10,000), Josh Haskett (20-50), Gary McCormick (0-5), Jim Coke (100-200), Julius Kerenyi (1500-2500), John Jefferson (2500-3500), Ann McClelland (3500-5000), Ted Muller (7500-10,000).





24 Tables
enjoyed the
Swiss Team
Game.

Thank you to
Director,
Ted Muller



Everyone enjoyed the luncheon—thank you
to Dave Willmott and Sally Wheeler-Valine.





L—R Charlie Holmes, Richard Holmes & Jeff Dale enjoy the day!



L to R: Don Buchanan, Jim Coke, and Kathryn LeGro are ready for an afternoon of great bridge!

Caddie, Ray Holmes on duty!



Kibitzer editor, Beth Mora with Foothill's Barry Wold. Glad to see the mountain man come to the flat land!



WINNERS!

**Winners of the Annual Meeting and Swiss Team Unit game were
Dave Willmott, Phil Schiffert, Nancy Cook, and Lori Choplin.**

**In the background is the team who tied for 3rd:
Jim Bowman, Jim Chenu (in green shirt),
Joel Lesser, and Julie Chenu.**



Sacramento Unit 505

Unit Game

SUNDAY, August 13, 2017

FOLSOM Bridge Club

Cost \$10

Lunch provided 11:30 am—Game at Noon

NEW LOCATION at

California Family Fitness Center

8680 Greenback Lane

Orangevale, CA 95662

916 353-1139

Games include:

Stratified Pairs

A/1500+, B/1500-750,

C/750-0 /

or by attendance

Separate NLM Game

(under 300 pts)

with 3 or more tables

Director:

Charles Smith

See website for details at:

www.

playbridgesacramento.org

For Partnerships call:

Joe Blackford

Ph: 916-206-0313

916-409-2332

bpbeef@aol.com

Or at the partnership desk



Sacramento Unit 505

FALL SECTIONAL 2017

La Sierra Community Center
5325 Engle Road
Carmichael, CA 95608

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
September 8th, 9th and 10th

All Events Use Pair/Team Averages
All Strats may be adjusted by the Director
Based upon attendance

Friday, September 8th only 9:30 am Non Life Master Seminar By Jim Houghton	Entries \$11 per Session Unpaid & Non-members \$14	Master point awards are silver Sanction # S1709036
Host Hotel Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sacramento NE Cal Expo 2224 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95821 Phone: (916) 923-1100 Use Code SSB		

Friday, September 8th
10:30 am and 3:30 pm

2 Single Session **A/X Pairs:**
Strats: 3000+/0-3000

2 Single Session **B/C/D Pairs:**
Strats 1000-2000 / 500-1000 / 0-500
No one over 2000 MPs may play

2 Single Session **99er Pairs:**
Strats: 50-100 / 20-50 / 0-20
No one over 100 MPs may play

Partnerships

Joe Blackford
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bpbeef@aol.com
Or at the partnership desk

Director in Charge
Dianne Barton-Paine

Saturday, September 9th
10:30 am and 3:30 pm

2 Session **Open Pairs:**
Strats: 2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750

2 Single Session **Open Pairs:**
Strats: 2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750

2 Single Session
Non Life Master Pairs:
Strats: 200-500 / 100-200 / 0-100
No one over 500 MPs may play

Tournament Chair

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Co-Chair
Sam Sandusky
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Results Daily at
www.playbridgesacramento.org
Or by registration at: ACBL Live

Sunday, September 10th
10:30 am Play Through
(mid-game break for lunch)

2 Session **A/X Swiss Teams:**
Strats: 3000+/0-3000

2 Session **B/C/D Swiss Teams:**
1000-2000 / 500-1000 / 0-500
No one over 2000 MPs may play

10:30 am
1 Session **299er**
Swiss Teams

Strats: 200-300/50-200/0-50
No one over 300 MPs may play

Hospitality by
Sally Wheeler-Valine
Unit 505 welcomes you
with coffee, tea and snacks
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
lunches available for purchase
each morning



Sacramento Unit 505

I/N NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL

Limited to players with fewer than 500 Master Points
Stratifications may be adjusted based on attendance

SATURDAY, September 30
NLM Pairs 0-200/300/500

2 Sessions

Start Time 10:30 am

2nd Session 3:00 pm

Newcomer Pairs

2 single Sessions

10:30 am and 3:00 pm

0-20 / 50 / 100

Director: Ted Muller

Tournament Chair:

Dave Willmott

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2035 Hurley Way, Suite 270
Sacramento, CA 95825

All points awarded are Silver

Lunch Provided Both Days

Daily Results available at:
www.Sacbridge.com

To RSVP

Copy the form from
playbridgesacramento.org
or pick up a registration form
at your local Club

Entries \$11

Unpaid & Non-members \$14

SUNDAY, October 1

Start Time 10:30 am

Play Through

2 Session Swiss Team Game
5 or 6 Person Teams Allowed

Stratification Based
on Team Average

10:30 am

Single Session

Swiss Teams

0 to 100 MPs

4 Tables Required

RSVP REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 26

Space limited to 30 tables. Additional signups over allotted
space will be placed on "waiting list".

Last minute players accepted with space available.

Unit 505

NLM Sectional

Registration Form

Preregistration Required

Cost \$11 or \$14 for non members

I am playing in the 2 Session Saturday Event September 30th.

Name:

Partner:

I am playing in a Single Session Saturday Morning Event September 30th

Name:

Partner:

I am playing in a Single Session Saturday Afternoon Event September 30th

Name:

Partner:

I am playing on Sunday in the Swiss Team Event October 1st

Name:

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

Partner 3:

Partner 4:

Optional Partner 5:

Optional Partner 6:

Please hand in to your local club manager or mail to:

Dave Willmott
Folsom Bridge Center
8680 Greenback Ln #107
Orangevale, CA 95662



TOURNAMENT PLAY FOR ALL

Welcome!

199'rs are IMPORTANT
to our Unit!

Each club has daily
open and stratified
games.

199'r games are:

Folsom Bridge Center

Tuesday, 10:10 am
Wednesday, 9:00 am
Thursday, 11:00 am
Fridays, 9:00 am

Foothill Bridge Center

Wednesday Non-Life
Masters (0-500) 10:00 am
Thursday Non-Life Masters
(0 - 500) 10 am

Sacramento Bridge Center

Tuesday, 11:00 am

Go to: [www.
playbridgesacramento](http://www.playbridgesacramento)
for more information.

Club Championship
and Unit Games award
more points!

Invite a friend!

Keen players are always eager to pit their skills against others, which is why the ACBL sanctions more than 1200 tournaments a year. If you want to play in a tournament, chances are good that you can find one just about any week of the year.

Sectional Tournaments are ACBL tournaments run by a unit or by a club to which authority for the activity has been granted by ACBL. Silver points are awarded in all events at a sectional. Most sectionals run for three days, although some are longer and a few run for only two days. Sectionals draw their competitors mostly from the immediate area.

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC) are ACBL tournaments with sectional rating staged at many clubs in a geographical area over a period of up to seven days. Events are played at several clubs, and results are transmitted to a central office manned by the director in charge. The director combines the results to determine the winners and overall places for participants. Masterpoints awarded are silver.

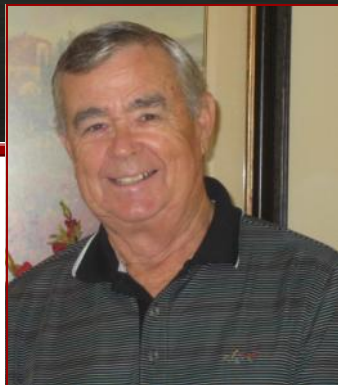
Regional Tournaments are ACBL tournaments run by the districts and offer gold and red points. At least one regional tournament is held in each district annually.

North American Bridge Championships (NABC) are conducted by the ACBL and are held three times a year across the United States and Canada. NABCs offer platinum, gold and red points.

RACE FOR THE POINTS!

Mini-McKinney top 3 in each category: 7-6-17

0-5	Benjamin Tong	9.67
	Betty O'Hara	8.15
	Joan Lawson	7.08
5-20	Kevin Smith	28.35
	Mike Edelstein	20.86
	Lou Wiles	14.19
20-50	Jack Reichel	23.58
	Julie Chenu	18.36
	Harry Struthers	17.03
50-100	Gary McCormick	40.08
	Josh Haskett	29.55
	Charon Jenner	26.23
100-200	Joel Lesser	78.06
	Claes Harde	61.53
	James Chenu	51.91



Avoid the Beloved Finesse

Compliments to Eddie Kantar

We average players hold the finesse dear to our heart and cannot take them fast enough. Alas for us the expert avoids them like the plague to try and find an alternative.

- Finesses, particularly in short suits, are to be avoided. Take them as a last resort.
- Try to establish a long suit before taking finesses in short suits.
- With two finesses to choose from, try the long one first.
- Identify the danger opponent and finesse accordingly.
- Do not take two finesses when you only need one.
- 9 never, 8 ever is for beginners, only to be used when no information is forthcoming.

Some Examples:

Dummy	QJ105 1052 AQJ3 J2	You	AK9876 J43 65 AQ	Three hearts are played and then RHO plays club to you (hate him!). Play the ace, you need the diamond finesse to work to make the contract.
Dummy	J32 AQJ4 AQ5 QJ10	You	AK K109876 32 876	Opponents ruff the 3 rd club and exit with spade. After drawing trump play the second spade, maybe you get lucky and the Queen falls.
Dummy	AJ98 Q543 A76 32	You	KQ7654 J KJ2 AK4	Postpone the diamond finesse until you have drawn trump and ruffed two hearts. Who knows, you might get lucky and drop the other honor and your queen is good.

Sam Sandusky

Unit 505 Board member, Sam is also teaching classes at Sacramento Bridge Center.

He is the Unit Board's Education Chair.



Who Was That Director???

by Miriam Steinberg as published in the *Forum*

What do you really know about your director, that mysterious person who sits behind the computer during the game, who periodically comes by your table to negotiate rulings? In order to satiate my curiosity, I asked Unit 505 directors to share interesting tidbits about themselves.

Joe Blackford was a rancher most of his life, but also had a run as a professional baseball player on the minor league teams of the Boston Red Sox.

Dave Willmott, who has lived in England and Canada, served in the Canadian Air Force. He met his wife on a bus.

Susan Haynie graduated cum laude from Adolphus College, where she majored in minority studies and psychology. In addition, she minored in philosophy and sociology. In her hometown of Ely, Minnesota, she was selected to be the 1970 Girls' Stater.

Roz Flynn adores golden retrievers, doting currently on Spencer. She also collects antiques.

Maggie Edwy, who speaks four languages, is a translator, but also has a Ph.D in econometrics (mathematical economics). She grew up in Cairo, where she attended a convent school.

Pam Hughes played the flute professionally and taught music for over 30 years. She especially loved playing in the pit orchestras for musical theater. She is expecting her first grandchild in the fall.

Marvin Arnold, who was a taxi driver for 25 years, once gave a ride to actress Kim Basinger, who "generously" tipped him 20 cents! He also had the distinction of playing bridge with the pilot who shot down Admiral Yamamoto, who had planned the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Jim Coke was an electrical engineer at Intel for 32 years. You, along with probably half of humanity, utilize his code and inventions as you read your e-mail!



Charles Smith collects ties--hundreds of them! Most are very conservative except for one Jerry Garcia! (The tie he wore most often was his solid blue regulation Air Force tie).

John Hughes, who was a cop in Cleveland for 21 years, has (jokingly) thought of using his holding techniques in the direction realm for unruly players! He was also a member of the Softies Softball team during his incarnation working as a Senior Information Systems Specialist. ("Softies" refers to the software group of players).

Dave Vidaver, who is scheduled to retire this fall, would like to take a year off to see the world. His claim to fame is a link to a lineage of rabbinical scholars!

Ted Muller, who happens to be both a superb bridge player and pianist, claims to have been stoned every day for 15 years!

Ali Topcu graduated from the University of Ankara (Turkey) in agricultural engineering and later earned a Ph.D in genetics; he did research on the genetics of viruses. In his younger days in Turkey, he was a wrestler and also a 2nd lieutenant in the Turkish army. In his spare time, he involves himself in cosmology and astronomy, pondering our origins and place in the universe.

Albert Chow, a native of Hong Kong, grew up there attending English-speaking schools. He came to the USA to attend college and later worked as an executive for Tower Records. As a result of his top-notch schooling, he speaks English like a native, but never learned to read or write in Chinese!



CONGRATULATIONS!

New Rankings in July 2017

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Barbara Wylie

NABC MASTERS

Duncan W. MacVean
Al Farrar

CLUB MASTERS

Patricia Beddow
Gwen Edelstein
Rona L. Sherriff

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Barbara C. Muller

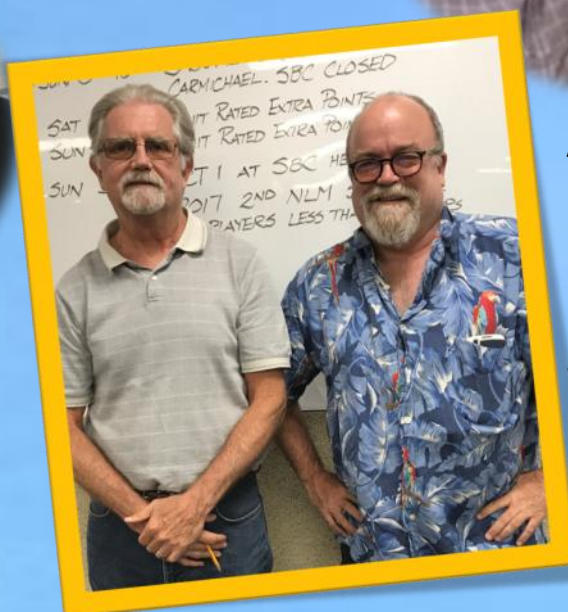
CONGRATULATIONS!

70% GAMES

On Friday, July 14th, Joanne Merry and John Jefferson had a 73.38% game at the SBC. They were 1st of the 24 pairs playing in the open and earned 2.00 MPs.



Carl Oeser & David Vidaver had a 70.83% game in Ali's game on Saturday, July 29th



After just having had a 70% game two days before, Dave Vidaver had another 70% plus game July 31st, this time with partner, Jim Houghton.



Folsom Bridge Center

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Website: bridgewebs.com/folsombridge**



L to R: Christine Stroiney, Bob Houghton,
Dennis Stroiney, and Doris Niemann, "Come join us!"

Special Dates for August **Special Announcement**

**All Thursday Games are Swiss Teams
August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.
Food Supplied except for last Thursday**

Aug. 1st	Taco Tuesday
Aug. 2nd Wed.	N.A.P. Open Pairs
Aug. 6th Sun.	Mentor/Mentee
Aug. 11th Friday	N.A.P. Open Pairs
Aug. 12th Saturday	N.A.P. Open Pairs
Aug. 13th Sunday	Unit Game FBC
Aug. 16th Wednesday	Club Championship
Aug. 20th Sunday	Coaching Sunday
Aug. 26th Saturday	Hot Dogs & Chili
Aug. 27th Sunday	\$5 Open Pairs
Aug. 31st Thursday	Pot Luck Swiss Teams
Aug. 21st to 26th	STaC Week-Silver Pts

**Note: There is ample parking both in the front
and the back of the new building.**

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**Our first Coaching Sunday for Non-Life Master
Partnerships will be August 20th at noon. Call
the coordinator Judee Browning (707-321-1775)
or sign up on the clipboard at the club. Coach-
ing will be similar to the Mentor/ Mentee game,
but the coach will not be playing, just advising
the partnership or the table.**

Lessons

**Beginner Lessons
Wednesdays at 2:30**

Bidding in the 21st Century

**Advancing Beginner Lessons
Tuesdays at 2:30:
*Play of the Hand***

**Also on Wednesdays at 2:30:
*Commonly Used Conventions
in the 21st Century***

**\$79 for 9 Lessons or
Drop Ins Welcome, \$10
Susan Haynie & Cynthia Fredrickson,
Instructors
Books available \$15.00**

**The New NLM Game follows the
Wednesday lessons at 5:30
(includes a light dinner)**

Ongoing Lessons

**Tuesdays at 10:15
Free Open Forum by Al Beckner
Fridays from 9 to 10:30
Intermediate Playing the Hand Lesson
By Al Beckner \$5**

Game Times

**Monday thru Friday: 11 am
Saturday and Sunday: 12 Noon
Wednesday afternoon **NLM**: 5:30 pm**

Call the Center for partnerships



Foothill Bridge Center

CONGRATULATIONS!

July bingo winners.

L to R:

Piper Fein,
Lois Beyer,
Sandy Andre,
Gayle Heslop



L to R:

G Downing,
Larry Koncewicz,
Bob and
Vera Balluff.

Tied for 1st in July
Swiss team game.
Not pictured Piper
and Sheldon Fein,
Mary Glaser,
Rich James.

The Foothill Bridge
Center

Barry Wold, Manager
Foothill Bridge Center,
236950

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Springs CA 95682

www.bridgewebs.com/

foothillbridge

530 391-3743

Partnership

Barry Wold 530 391-3743

Sandy Wold 530 906-8506

Foothiller-of-the-Month
Jim Coke





August EVENTS

8-11, Thursday, 10 am
NLM Pairs Club Championship

8-16, Wednesday, 10 am
NLM Pairs Club Championship

8-16, Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Open Pairs
Club Championship

STaC Week
Silver Points every game!

8-21, Monday, 12, noon,
STaC Open Pairs

8-23, Wednesday, 10 am
STaC NLM Pairs

8-23, Wednesday, 6:30 pm
STaC Open Pairs

8-24, Thursday, 10 am
STaC NLM Pairs

8-25, Friday, 6:30 pm
STaC Open Pairs

8-27, Sunday, 1 pm
STaC Swiss Teams

Foothill Bridge Center

Congratulations

Club Championships

July 3 Open Pairs

N/S

- 1 Gayle Heslop, Jean Rulison
- 2 Rich James, Mary Glaser
- 3 G Downing, Larry Koncewicz
- 4 Gary McCormick, Sandy Wold
- 5 Mary Fahel, Bill Koelzer

E/W

- 1 Jim Coke, Daryl Prouty
- 2 Marie Perry, Doreen Thornhill
- 3 Don Gernes, Lee Nord
- 4 Joann & Dave Bennet
- B1 Donna Cleary, Jack Reichel

July 13 NLM Unit Game

N/S

- A1 Mary Fahel, Bill Koelzer
- A2 John Herrman, Lori Wahl
- A3 Liz Brodeur, Pat Sullivan

E/W

- A1 Carla Frates, Pat Kris
- A2 Bob Berg, Dennis Letl

July 23 Swiss Team

- 1/2 Piper Fein, Sheldon Fein, Mary Glaser, Rich James III
- 1/2 Bob Balluff, Vera Balluff, G Downing, Larry Koncewicz
- 3 Iris Appleby, John Dutton, Gayle Heslop, Richard Hobbie III
- 4 Lois Beyer, Terry Cree, Jack Reichel, Ellen Stanney



Save the Date!

Monday, September 4,
Labor Day,
Noon, Lunch and
Open Pairs
Extra Master Points

**Great Food-
Great Bridge!**



Lincoln Hills Bridge Club

by Richard Proffitt

Each year for as long as I can remember, our club and the Roseville Sun City Duplicate Club have held exchanges. During the calendar year, each of the clubs takes its turn to host the other club for a meal and joint bridge game. On Monday, July 17th, it was Roseville's turn to host the event in their Timbers Lodge. After the buffet lunch, 32 tables were divided into three sections to compete for top honors. The Roseville club members managed to win in both directions in one section. Meanwhile, the Lincoln Hills club held on to salvage splits in the other two sections. Our club will now look forward to spring of 2018 when we will host the next exchange meeting with the Roseville Sun City club.

Tournament players will have several opportunities in August to start or continue to add to their pigmented MP accumulation. If you're new to tournament competitions, the Sutter Buttes Sectional held August 4-6 in Yuba City would be a good choice. It's relatively close to Lincoln, and offers 299er sections at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. In addition, our club will participate in the ACBL Western STaC games (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) during the week of Aug. 21-27. Finally, the All-Western Regional Championship will be held at the Santa Clara Hyatt Hotel and Convention Center from Tues., Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 4, 2017. Additional information, as well as tournament flyers, can be retrieved from the ACBL website (www.acbl.org/tournaments/).

The SCLH duplicate bridge club is an invitational club with games open to all residents of Sun City Lincoln Hills and their invited guests. Our three weekly club games are all played in the Kilaga Springs Lodge. Wednesday games start at 12:30 p.m. Players with fewer than 200 Masterpoints may choose to play the "199er" section on that day. Friday games start at 5 p.m. and Saturday games, which include a "299er" section, start at 12:30 p.m. For more information about the club, visit the club website: www.bridgewebs.com/lincolnhills, or call club president Jim Collart (995-7233).

Bridge Works

ACBL Unit 505
Lincoln, CA



GAME LOCATION

Granite Springs Church
Main Conference Room
1170 E. Joiner Pkwy
Lincoln, CA 95648

TUESDAY GAME

Sign in 11:00
Game 11:30

QUESTIONS?

Contact Manager/
Director Joe Blackford at:
[bridge-
works16@gmail.com](mailto:bridge-works16@gmail.com)

[CLICK HERE for
Game Results](#)

PARTNERSHIP DESK:

Contact Joe Blackford at:
[www.bridgewebs.com/
bridgeworks](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bridgeworks)
916 409-2332

BACK IN ACTION!

See you on AUGUST 1st

by Joe Blackford

After a month of circumstances preventing play at Bridge Works, our games will resume on each Tuesday of the month, beginning Aug. 1st.

We certainly hope you haven't forgotten our location of play, the Granite Springs Church in Lincoln, our sign in time of 11am and our very affordable playing fee of \$5.

As always, we will continue to offer an all beef hot dog, bag of chips and a beverage, for \$1.

Hope to see everyone on Tuesday, Aug. 1st and every Tuesday thereafter.

Please contact Bridge Works at:
bridgeworks16@gmail.com

Thanks,
Joe B.



Sacramento Bridge Club Games & Directors



Ted Muller

SUNDAY - 12 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Ted Muller, Director
916 359-6688
ted@winfirst.com

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 pm

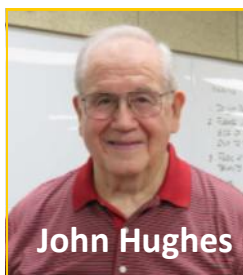
Stratified Open Pairs
David Vidaver, Director
dvidaver@hotmail.com



David Vidaver

THURSDAY - 11 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Ali Topcu, Director
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John Hughes

MONDAY - 11 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs &
Invitational Pairs
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THURSDAY - 6:30 p.m.

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Ali Topcu

TUESDAY - 11 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs &
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FRIDAY - 11 a.m.

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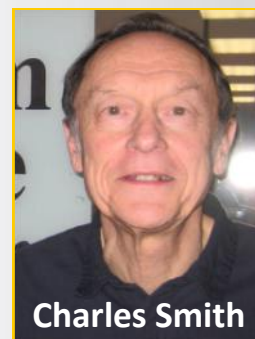
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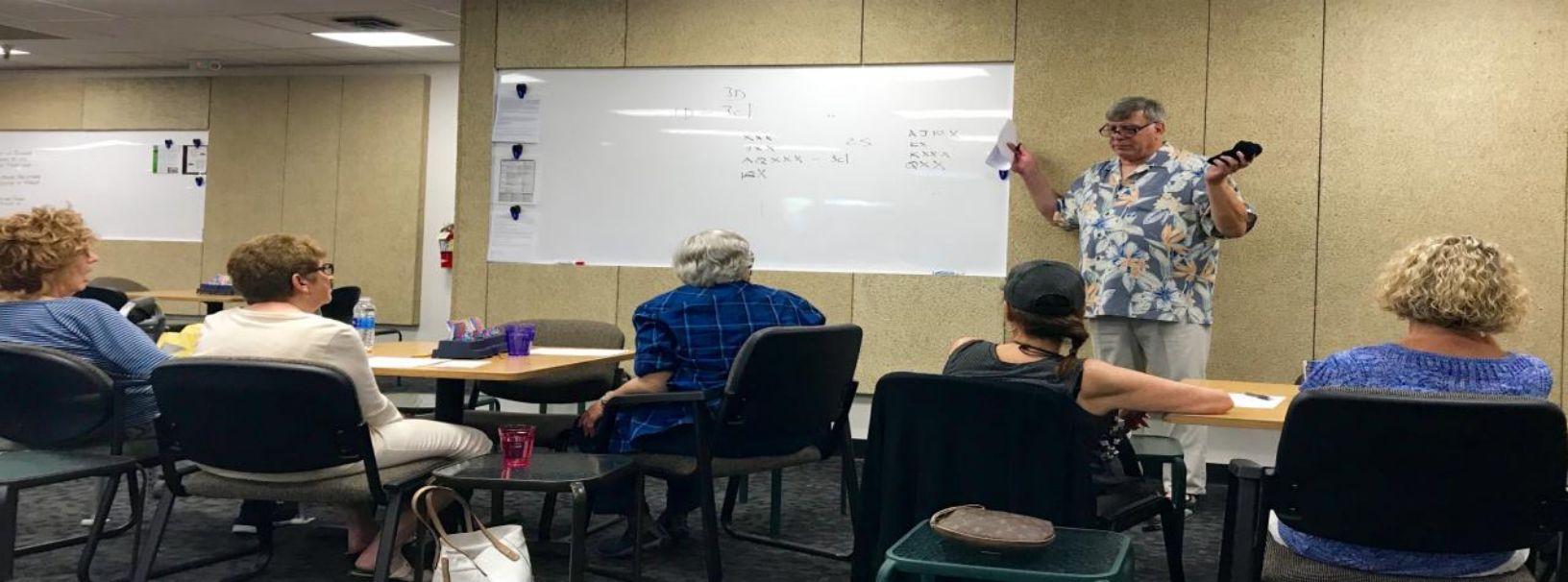
SATURDAY - 12 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
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by Barbara Wheeler

On Sunday, July 23rd at 10:30 am at the Sacramento Bridge Club, 25 bridge players attended **Gary Soules'** lecture: "Game Forcing Inverted Minor". Gary likes a bid of 1C by Opener, then 2C by Responder or 1D by Opener, then 2D by Responder to be Game Forcing (GF) or at least forcing to the 4 level of the minor. When the Responder bids 2 of the minor, Responder denies a 4-card major and has an opening hand.

So, after **1m-2m = GF or 4 level of minor**,

Opener's rebids are: 2H = 4 Hs and the other minor stopped.

2S = 4 Ss and the other minor stopped.

2NT = Both majors stopped. Maybe Opener has the other minor stopped also, but doesn't promise it.

3 of the other minor = That minor stopped, but no major stopped.

3 of the same minor = 1 major stopped.

Jump in a major = Singleton

Double jump in other minor = Singleton

- Examples:
- (a) 1D-2D
3H = Singleton H
 - (b) 1C-2C
3D = Singleton D
 - (c) 1D-3D
4C = Singleton C

Invitational hands bid by jump shifting to the other minor:

Examples: (a) 1C-2D = Invitational. Responder has support for clubs.

It says nothing about Responder's diamonds.

(b) 1D-3C = Invitational. Responder has support for diamonds.

It says nothing about Responder's clubs.

Preemptive hands are jumps in the same minor:

Examples: (a) 1C-3C and (b) 1D-3D

Sacramento Bridge Center

by Joy O'Dell



Here are three pictures from the Monday games.

First two - dessert was brought in by Marilyn Poindexter and Carolyn Bailey and Dave Nemzek on July 10th. The bunt cakes (Marilyn Poindexter) were a big hit - one chocolate and one raspberry. The large cake was especially nice (Carolyn And Dave) with a nice thank you Joy. All were appreciated very much.



The last one is a picture of the lunch on July 17th. The table looked especially nice with the reds and greens. Fresh farmer's tomatoes, armenian cucumbers, chicken salad, strawberry jell-o and fresh watermelon. All topped off by a nice cake from Carol Whitelaw and cheese cake and cookies from Linda Struthers.



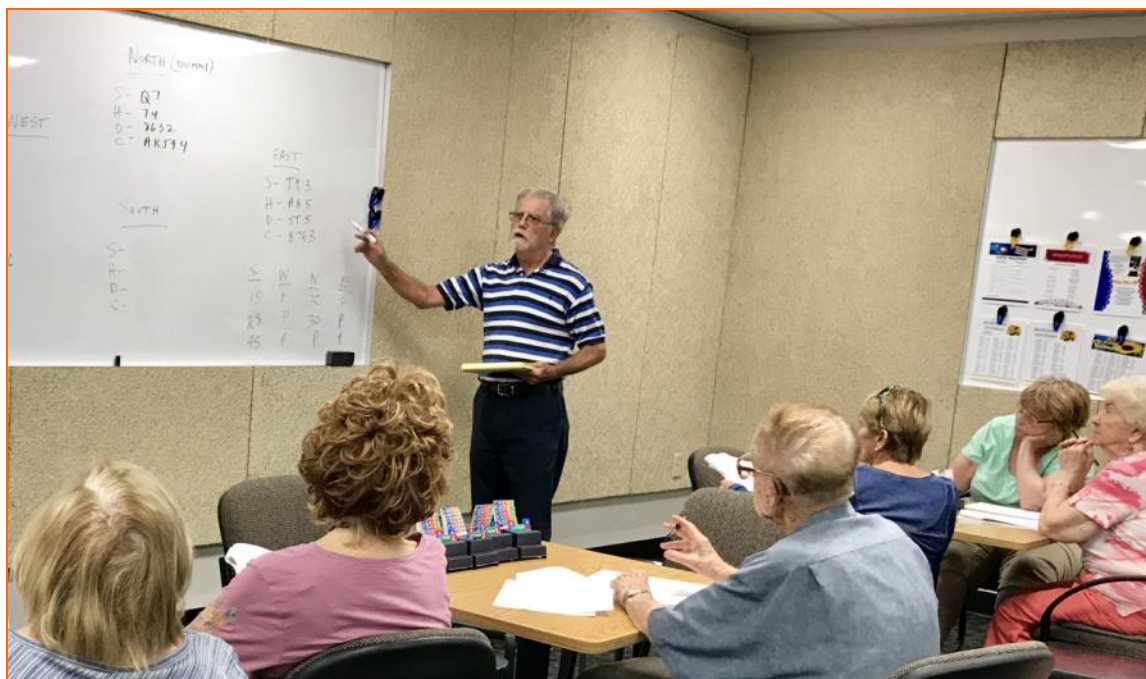
Marie Leonardini has organized the ladies and there are two each week bringing in dessert for Joy during the summer to give her some relief. This has helped Joy an awful lot as dessert takes at least half a day to prepare. Marie herself brought a couple of cakes. Then Karen Key brought a Texas sheet cake; Miriam Steinberg brought both chocolate chip cookies and brownies. Peggy Vellanoweth brought a cherry cobbler. Everyone has brought great desserts both Joy and the players appreciate. Thanks to all of you.



Tuesday, July 25th, was George Brown's birthday. His bridge partner for the day, Karen Holleron, brought a cake. George and Karen came in 2nd overall with 57.44% (missing 1st place by half a matchpoint.) They earned 2.41 master points. George plays at the SBC 6 days a week. George, a former State worker, started playing bridge when he overheard Clark Muldavin and Clark's partner discussing bridge on the bus on the way home from work.

Over Karen's shoulder in the background, is Albert Chow, the director of Tuesday's game at the Sacramento Bridge Center. Albert prepared the lunch, answered director calls, filled in as a player, and then did cleanup . . . all while remaining cheerful!

On Sunday, July 30th, Jim Houghton gave a 1 hour lecture on Defense. He noted that defense is used on about 50% of the hands we play. Jim illustrated his lecture with 10 hands from Eddie Kantar's, *Defensive Bridge Play Complete*, a book Jim used when learning defense about 40 years ago.



Jim discussed Dummy Type and what leads the defenders should make.

1. If dummy has a balanced hand with no 4-card suit that can be established for discard (s), then make a Passive lead.
2. If dummy has ruffing power, but little else, make trump leads.
- 3a. If dummy has a long usable side suit, defenders should establish their own tricks before declarer can use dummy's side suit, or kill dummy's entry before trumps have been drawn.
- 3b. If dummy's side suit is not usable, then lead trumps or go passive.



4th of July *at SBC*



On July 3rd and 4th bridge players were decked out in red, white, and blue at the Sacramento Bridge Center.



Desserts were as American as apple pie and chocolate cake.



Doris Neilsen-Hoff

Mark Grunseth shows off his patriotic tennis shoes.



Robert Null



Dorothy Mc Dermott





Carrie Touslee



Peggy Limerick

Annee Christensen



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The Saturday and Sunday afternoon games currently pay 3-4 times as many Masterpoints per table as the other weekly sessions.

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SACRAMENTO BRIDGE CENTER

August Games

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Thursday, August 3rd NAP Qualifying

Wednesday, August 9th

6:30 pm Club Championship

Saturday, August 12th

10:30 am—11:30 am

Dave Vidaver Lecture

Noon Club Championship

Sunday, August 13th

Noon Club Championship

Monday, August 21st

11 am STaC*

Tuesday, August 22nd

11 am STaC*

Wednesday, August 23rd

11 am STaC*

6:30 pm STaC*

Thursday, August 24th

11 am STaC*

6:30 pm STaC*

Friday, August 25th

11 am STaC*

* Extra \$2 Game Fee to Western Conf.

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Arden Manor Thursday Night

6:30 pm

Sacramento Bridge Club

Charles Smith, Director



Celebrating July birthdays at the Arden Manor Bridge Club on July 20th were:
Barbara Wheeler (July 27th),
Enlow Ose (July 30th) and
Pat Ingolia (July 22nd).

Enlow and his wife Mel came in 1st of 8 NS pairs with 57.45%.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



On July 6th the Thursday night Arden Manor Bridge Club celebrated Independence Day with a free dinner ordered from Raley's by Sally Wheeler-Valine. There were 10 1/2 tables attending. Leading the way through the buffet line is Sally (right) and Joy Skalbeck (left).

Choosing amongst the 5 pies available for dessert are Ronnie McMurdie, Bill Taggart, and Mike Grob.

Ronnie and partner John Reynen were 1st NS and 1st overall for the evening with 62.75% and 3.06 MPs. Bill Taggart and partner Dave Vidaver were 1st EW and 4th overall. Mike Grob and partner Judi Callaham were 3rd NS and 3rd overall.

Pie seems to have a good effect on bridge playing!