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## 2016 FALL SECTIONAL

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**October 2016**

### ACBL UNIT 505 SACRAMENTO

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and John Jefferson  
Win at Santa Clara**

### Coming Board Elections

**Unit Game  
October 2  
Folsom Bridge Center**

**Grand Opening  
Sac Bridge Center  
October 15-16**

**Unit Game October 30  
Sac Bridge Center**

**No Unit Game  
in November**

**Special Edition  
Travels with Teri & Mary**

### Unit 505 Website

Click here: [www.PlayBridgeSacramento.org](http://www.PlayBridgeSacramento.org)



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

We had a very successful September Sectional. I would like to thank Maurie Studin, her committee and all of you who came early on Friday to help, helped during the Sectional and stayed late to help take down the tables, store chairs and box up supplies for Calvin. The tournament would not be as successful if you had not helped. The new facility is wonderful and I hope those of you who attended will get the word out to others to please attend in December.

Our Unit Board submitted WIND Youth Services, Sacramento County's only program serving homeless youths, to the District Board's Charity Chair for consideration of a grant from the District. They will receive a District 21 check for \$2,500. We can submit a charity every year for consideration, so if any of you have a suggestion please let a Unit Board member know so we can consider your suggestion for next year.

**WANTED: New Board members. Elections will be held soon and a slate of potential board members needs to be drawn up. If any of you would like to run for the Unit Board please let Pat Ingoglia, Elections Chair, or any Board member know. It is a very rewarding job. One learns much about the internal workings of the Unit and District while they are on the Board.**

We did not have a Unit Board meeting, with a Unit Game following the meeting, as there was a Sectional in September.

**We will have a Unit Game on October 2nd.**

**Then another Unit Game on October 30th. We changed the November 6th Unit Game to October 30 as the November date conflicted with the November Regional in Modesto.**

See you at the bridge table,

Katherine



# FALL SECTIONAL

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016



Increased attendance!  
Positive feedback  
from players!  
Good Food—  
Good Bridge—  
Good Times!!!



Dave Willmott  
and Barbara  
Wheeler are  
ready to go . . .



Debbie Leggett  
doing well



Intrepid Directors, Doug Handler and Diane Barton-Paine will get this printer working . . .

Don't forget to pick up  
all the flyers!

Marvin's just having fun!



Thank you to  
Maurie Studin for  
all the work of  
putting on the  
tournament!

Congrats to all  
who made this  
Sectional a  
SUCCESS!





Thank you  
Val Williams for  
coordinating the  
lunches!



Thank you  
Val Williams for  
Decorating!



Doris Niemann serves toppings  
for the potato bar.



Judy Baskin helps serve.



Linda Rancourt—  
the Potato Lady!



# Sacramento Unit 505

**Unit Game SUNDAY, October 2, 2016**

**FOLSOM Bridge Center**  
Pot Luck—Bring a dish to share

*Lunch 11:30 am      Game at Noon  
Game Fee \$9*

**Games include:**

Stratified Pairs  
A/1500+, B/1500-750,  
C/750-0

**199'r Game  
with 3 tables or more**

See website for details at:

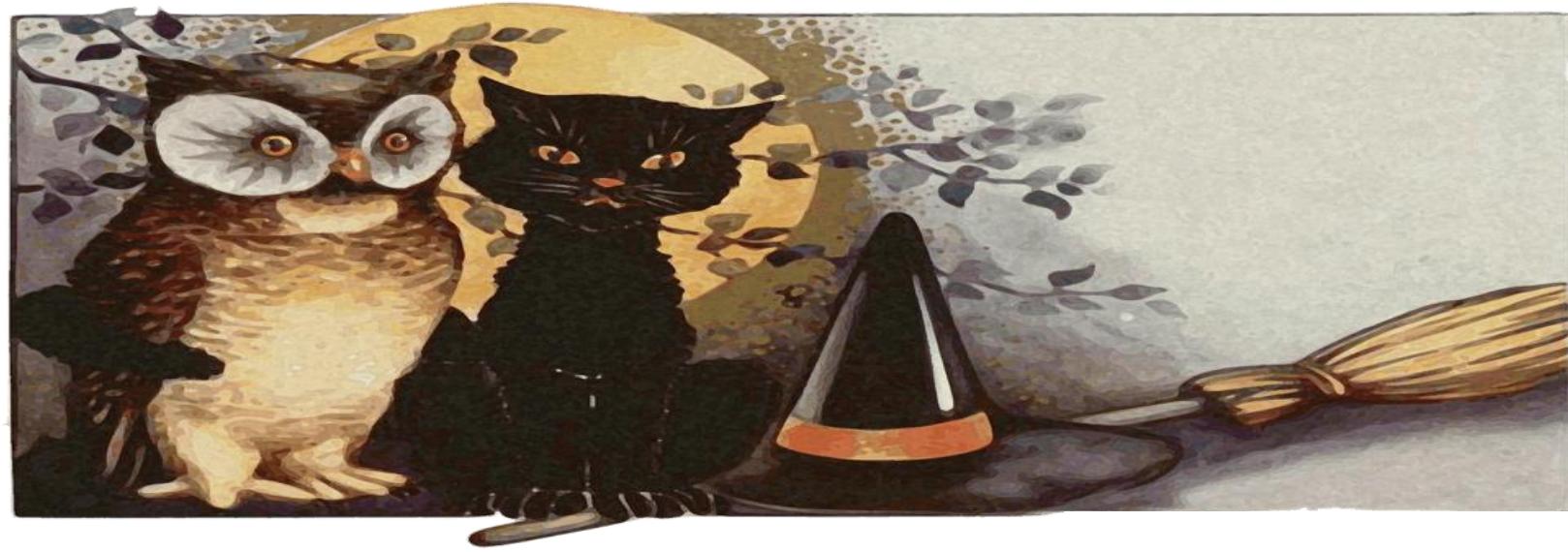
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530-409-3537

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# Sacramento Unit 505

**Unit Game SUNDAY, October 30, 2016**

## SACRAMENTO Bridge Center

**NEW LOCATION: 2035 Hurley Way Suite 270**

**Pot Luck—Bring a dish to share**

*Lunch 11:30 am      Game at Noon*

### **Games include:**

Stratified Pairs  
A/1500+, B/1500-750,  
C/750-0

199'r Game  
with 3 tables or more

See website for details at:

**www.  
playbridgesacramento.org**

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## Welcome!

199'rs are IMPORTANT  
to our Unit!

Each club has daily  
open and stratified  
games.

199'r games are:

### [Folsom Bridge Center](#)

Tuesday Lessons 10:10 am  
Thursday, 11:00 am  
Friday Lessons 9:00 am  
Sunday 12 Noon

### [Foothill Bridge Center](#)

Wednesday Non-Life  
Masters (0-500) 10:00 am  
Thursday Non-Life Masters  
(0 = 500) 10 a.m.

### [Sacramento Bridge Center](#)

Tuesday, 11:00 am

Click on the websites  
for more information.

Club Championship  
and Unit Games award  
more points!

**Invite a friend!**

## LET'S PLAY TEAM GAMES

From ACBL.org

### SWISS TEAMS

For many years Swiss Teams has been the most popular form of team event, but in recent years it has been overtaken by Knockout Teams. A Swiss Teams event is a partial Round-robin setup in such a way that winners play winners and losers play losers. It is based on the Swiss concept that governs play in most chess tournaments. [Read more ...](#)

### KNOCKOUT TEAMS

The name of this event is most apropos—the winners advance to the next round and the losers are knocked out of the competition. There are many kinds of Knockout events, but basically they come down to this—two teams face each other in head-to-head competition, and only one survives. There are variations on this theme, but the above explanation fits the vast majority of Knockout situations. The setup is similar to Swiss Teams in that two members of your team sit North-South at one table, and two others are East-West at a different table. The team against which you are playing fills the other four seats at the two tables. [Read more ...](#)

### BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

Board-a-Match Teams is the toughest type of event in tournament bridge, which may account for its lack of popularity. A team plays a small number of boards—usually two, three or four—against one opponent then moves on to take on another opponent. The movement is set up in such a way that your team always plays any given board against two opposition pairs of the same team. [Read more ...](#)

### RACE FOR THE POINTS!

Mini-McKinney top 3 in each category:		
0-5	Gary McCormick	50.60
	Jack Reichel	23.34
	Kevin Smith	19.27
5-20	Christine Vanderliet	30.91
	Patricia Gale	22.96
	Julie Chenu	22.77
20-50	Josh Haskett	32.88
	Charon Jenner	26.73
	Joanne Ringstrom	20.33
50-100	Joe Fischer	55.34
	Joel Lesser	54.13
	Claes Harde	43.86
100-200	John Reynen	107.37
	Cynthia Fredrickson	96.61
	James Coke	83.59



# News You Can Use

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



<b>GRAND LIFE MASTER</b> (20,000 masterpoints) Bob Etter	<b>BRONZE LIFE MASTERS</b> Edward Easley	<b>JUNIOR MASTERS</b> John H Eastman
<b>RUBY LIFE MASTERS</b> Richard James	Robert Houghton	Gwen Edelstein
<b>NABC MASTERS</b> Patricia Lewis	<b>CLUB MASTERS</b> Dana Daugherty	Mike Edelstein
<b>REGIONAL MASTERS</b> Donna L McCulloch	Arthur F Emmett	Nancy Gadsby
<b>SECTIONAL MASTERS</b> Barbara S Proffitt	Carol E Feenstra	Andrea G Woelfle

**Welcome** New ACBL Members for September as of 9/27/16



Karan Borges, Gold River  
 James Giroud, Fair Oaks  
 Larry Harris, Auburn  
 Ray Lindstrom, Jackson  
 Carole Lindstrom, Jackson  
 Betty O'Hara, Roseville  
 Judy Orchard, Placerville  
 Donna Parenti, Sacramento  
 Catherine Travers, Sacramento  
 Claire Westdahl, Roseville

## Santa Clara Regional—Winning the Knockout

### Congratulations! Gary Soules, Bill Sanford and John Jefferson

by John Jefferson

Just as we did in Sacramento, our team won a bracket 1 knockout and was 3/4 in the other we played. The team is comprised of local players Gary Soules, Bill Sanford and John Jefferson in combination with Mark Ralph, Bruce Noda and Bill Harker.

Here is an amazing story about our match against David Grainger's team of professionals.

We were trailing by 7 imps at the half. Bruce and I sat out the second half. As I was waiting for the results, teammate Bill Harker arrived looking agitated and said, "what would you do with this hand? Both vulnerable, the last hand of the match: Qxx-xx-AK10xx-Axx; your right hand opponent opens 2 hearts in first seat? He doubled, partner bid 2 spades and was doubled for minus 1400! When we compared scores I noticed that Gary had left the score for the last hand blank. When we got to the hand we were up by 2 imps going into the last hand. With a flourish of showmanship, Gary grinned and said plus 1400, for a push! At the other table, there was no 2 heart opening, and Grainger opened that 13 count 1 no-trump. His partner transferred to 2 hearts, which Bill and Gary doubled and set down 5.

So we won by 2 and went on to win the event.





# VOTE

2016

## 2016 ELECTION—Unit 505 Board of Directors **Save the Dates**

**October 1st**—we will begin soliciting (6) candidate nominations for the 2017 Board of Directors. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate, including themselves, for the Board. To volunteer, contact a board member or Katherine Ewing, Board President. See their contact info on the front page.

**November 1st**—the slate of candidates will be published on the Unit website, in the Kibitzer Unit Newsletter and sent to club directors and managers to be posted at all game sites.

**November 22nd—December 4**—will be the voting period, ending the last day of the Winter Sectional. Ballots will be available at your club or print from the website.

The new board will be introduced at the December Holiday Party.  
Details to follow—watch coming issues of the KIBITZER Newsletter.



# Cheating in Bridge

by Mary Ose

Did you know that the World Bridge Federation (of which the ACBL countries including the US are members), host of the World Bridge Championships, has been a recognized sport organization by the International Olympic Committee since 1995?\*\* As such, since 2000 The ACBL has complied with standards set by the IOC. For instance, the anti-doping measures in place for Olympic athletes apply equally during competitive bridge play.

As you know, there have been a number of cheating scandals in the bridge world over the past few years involving internationally successful players. For years now, in high-level events, wooden screens have been placed above and below tables with an opening for passing bidding boards back-and-forth between the two sides of the table, and for play of the hand. A tray is used to carry the board back-and-forth between the two sides. Symmetric bidding cards and videotaping are now used frequently.

To better understand how the rules operate, have a look at this photo of Teri Smoot in Wroclaw, Poland, seated at a table with screens (one screen above the table and one below the table) and the tray used to move the board back and forth through the opening during bidding. During bidding and play, there is also a pad of paper and a pencil to allow a player to communicate in writing with her opponent seated on the same side of the screen; speaking aloud is forbidden.



Nonetheless,  
cheating has continued.

Cheating pairs have developed unique ways of communicating with each other during the bidding and play of the hand (coughing, placement of bidding cards, placement of playing cards, placement of board, etc.).



Here are links to several videos created by Michael Clark showing different pairs suspected of cheating :

Fantoni and Nunes (Italy):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKe7gLTfaF8&sns=em>

Fisher and Schwartz (Israel):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=831tJ4EHLBY&sns=em>

Elinescu and Wladow (Germany):

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1xVj1EQ\\_vSI](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1xVj1EQ_vSI)

#### Cheaters have been expelled from the ACBL

including Fantoni, Nunes, Fisher and Schwartz, with forfeiture of all masterpoints, titles, status ranks, and privileges. The WBF has also responded severely to cheaters as have other national bridge organizations.

At the World Bridge Games held in Wroclaw in September, new rules were introduced in the continued effort to eliminate opportunities for cheating.

The NEW RULES are:

1. Only dummy or declarer may remove the tray from the table and only dummy or declarer may put the board back in the center of the table.
2. During the auction, all calls should touch the lower bar of that players segment of the tray and overlap slightly the previous call.
3. Defenders must not intentionally vary the orientation of their played cards.
4. The opening lead must be faced before the screen aperture is opened and only declarer or dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.

There you have it. The WBF adds, with emphasis, that it remains each player's responsibility to call the director if s/he suspects another player of cheating (even her/his own partner!).

#### \*\*Bridge and the Olympics.

1995: WBF became a Recognized Sport Organization by the IOC.

1999: WBF recognized as an International Federation under the Olympic charter.

Present day: Bridge has applied to join the Olympic Winter Games. Although recognized as a sport (like rugby, squash, golf, karate), bridge has not yet been admitted into the Olympic games.

# Sacramento Bridge Club

## Games & Directors



Albert Chow



John Hughes



Maggie Edwy

### **SUNDAY - 12 p.m.**

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Maggie Edwy, Director  
916 878-7566  
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### **MONDAY - 11 a.m.**

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Invitational Pairs  
John Hughes, Director  
916 965-7695  
[Ojoy24u@aol.com](mailto:Ojoy24u@aol.com)

### **TUESDAY - 11 a.m.**

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### **TUESDAY - 7 p.m.**

Stratified Open Pairs  
Ali Topcu, Director

### **WEDNESDAY - 11 a.m.**

Stratified Open Pairs &  
Invitational Pairs  
Albert Chow, Director

### **WEDNESDAY - 6:30 pm**

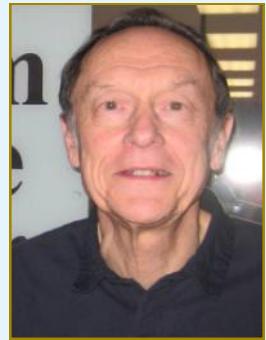
Stratified Open Pairs  
Maggie Edwy, Director  
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### **THURSDAY - 11 a.m.**

Stratified Open Pairs  
Ali Topcu, Director  
916 925-6322  
[havut@yahoo.com](mailto:havut@yahoo.com)

### **THURSDAY - 6:30 p.m.**

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[smithec@pacbell.net](mailto:smithec@pacbell.net)



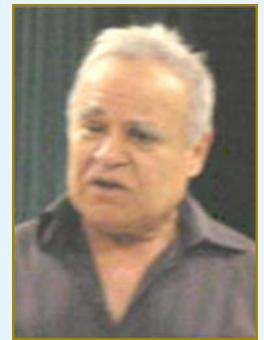
Charles Smith

### **FRIDAY - 11 a.m.**

Stratified Open Pairs &  
Invitational Pairs  
Albert Chow, Director

### **FRIDAY - 7 p.m.**

{monthly only}  
Barometer Pairs  
David Vidaver, Director  
[dvidaver@hotmail.com](mailto:dvidaver@hotmail.com)



Ali Topcu

### **SATURDAY - 12 p.m.**

Stratified Open Pairs  
Ali Topcu, Director



David Vidaver

*NEW Location:*

2035 Hurley Way,  
Suite 270  
916-925-6322

# Sacramento Bridge Center

by Joy O'Dell



After ten and one half months, we are finally in our permanent home for at least the next ten years. To say we love it here would not even begin to exclaim our real feelings. The detail that Albert put into the design, decoration, and use of the space has given us an absolute center to be proud of.

This is a picture Ted Muller took of the first day at the club. We had 28 full tables of players eager to see their new center. And I do say "their" center because they are the ones who donated the money so all of this could happen. Without generous players, who knows where we would be now. Thank you to each

and everyone who gave donations to help build a place to be proud of and a great "home" to play bridge in. As you can see in this picture there is enough space to walk around without hitting someone on the arm or shoulder. Albert promised moving space and you have it. He promised a place to be proud of and you have it. It took awhile – BUT we have it.

This is our new kitchen. You can see in the right hand corner our new coffee set up. We are using makers like you see in Starbucks. There is a huge stainless steel sink and one each side of the sink are two new dishwashers. They are covered to look just like the cabinets. In the left hand corner is a microwave and also a full sized oven. The back splash is done in white tiles and the counter tops are all slate.



On this wall are two new refrigerators and the refreshment center. The coffee decanters are moved to this counter where we have glass coffee cups. There are also glasses for water. In the center of the counter is a drop hole for tea bags, and other paper waste. At the end of the counter is a hot and cold water dispenser. The hot water is coming out at around 170 degrees, so your tea is really nice and hot.

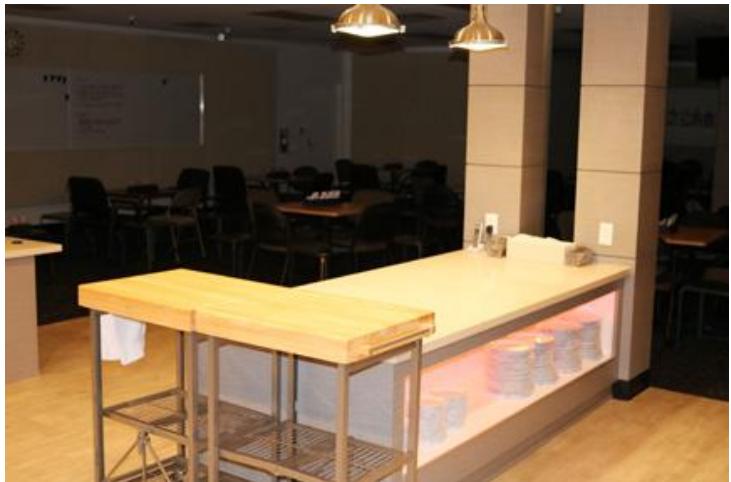


October is Club Appreciation month. These games are Club Championship rated so more points for these games. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the first one. There will be one for every day of the week. Check the white board to see the other dates. Come get more points this month. See you in one of our games.



This is the new computer section. Ted and John Blubaugh have worked very hard to get this section all set up with as little wire showing as possible. There is a small flower container setting there which was brought in with card hands glued onto sticks and lots of red and white balloons hanging into the air. This was brought in by Carolyn Bailey to help us celebrate the first day. This area is just after you enter into the club.

And of course we can't leave out the new eating table. The plates are all below and that is not a red glare you see under the table. It is Albert's "magic" light. You can change the colors to any one you desire. We will use Orange around Halloween; red or green at Christmas, and other colors that go with holidays. I actually like to use the turquoise one as you can see in the picture below. It matches Doris Hoff's jeans!



Debra Leggett chose as her donation to the club the reupholstering of all the club's chairs. She is doing an outstanding job - replacing all the cushioning and then the upholstery. She has worked tirelessly completing a little over 44 of them, with almost that many more to do. She has only charged the club for the materials. When you see her - tell her thank you so very much.

In my picture with Debra and the chairs the fabric came out wavy, not a true representation. See the inserted picture for a truer look.





Come Celebrate with Sacramento Bridge Center

## GRAND OPENING!

October 15 and 16  
Lunch 11:45 am

**FREE** Bridge Game after Lunch

RSVP by October 10th  
Sign up for your choice of day  
at Sacramento Bridge Center

*(come for game or dinner or both  
limit of 18 tables per day)*

Watch for new CLASSES and Exciting New Events  
Coming Soon!





Starts October 1, 2016

Saturdays  
10:30 am—12:30 am

SBC Bridge Center  
2035 Hurley Way, Suite 270

Cost - \$50  
4 sessions

*Course text book,  
ACBL Series  
“Play of the Hand”  
will be available for \$12.00*

ACBL SERIES . . .

PLAY OF THE HAND  
WITH  
JOY O'DELL

Learn to play bridge  
the fun and easy way!

ACBL created program!

*Hear a Lesson—  
Play some related hands!*

RSVP—Contact Joy O'Dell  
for more information  
916 965-7695





## New Class

### BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATES DIRECTED PLAY

Wednesdays, September 21—November 9

9:00 am to 10:30 am

**Sacramento Bridge Center**

2035 Hurley Way, Suite 270

916-925-6322

**Instructor: Sam Sandusky**

[samelayne@gmail.com](mailto:samelayne@gmail.com)

**916-705-5557**

**Cost: \$50**

- ✓ Play pre-dealt hands.
- ✓ Help with the bids, the play, the leads, defense, and all other aspects of bridge.
- ✓ You are welcome to ask questions during and after the play.

Book: Not required, but it is suggested that you have the  
**ACBL series, *Bidding in the 21st Century and Play of the Hand***

Hands will cover all aspects of Bidding, Play, Defense and Competitive Bidding.

Hand records will be available online  
after each lesson.





# “KISS”

*“Keep It Simple Senior”  
Proven Strategies for the  
Newer Players up to 199 points*

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Begins October 18th and 20th  
9:00 am–10:30 am

Cost: 8 sessions \$100 (includes book)

Instructor Brian Masunaga  
916-705-2171  
E-mail:  
[bmas222@aol.com](mailto:bmas222@aol.com)



SBC Bridge Center  
2035 Hurley Way, Suite 270

**Arden Manor Thursday Night**

**6:30 pm**

**Sacramento Bridge Club  
Charles Smith, Director**

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**



# **Bridge With A**



## **SACRAMENTO BRIDGE CENTER**

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

**That is possible because the directors contribute \$4 per table to an ACBL-designated charity.**

**Let's reward this enterprise by supporting those games!**

### **Gold Country Duplicate**

**956 Mountain Ranch Rd  
San Andreas**

**Mr. Don E Stillwell, Director  
209-772-1899**

**Wednesdays 12:00 Noon  
Open**





# Lincoln Hills Duplicate Bridge Club

By Dick Proffitt

Only a half-dozen of our determined club members managed to bring home points after making the long drive to Santa Clara for All-Western Regional Championship. However, a week later, nearly 20 of our club stalwarts collected some of the Silver MPs being awarded at the Sacramento Fall Sectional Tournament being held in Carmichael, CA for the first time. If you, too, would like to get in on the tournament action, you're in luck. This month there is the Carson City-Tahoe Fall Sectional that starts at noon in Carson City on Thurs. Oct. 6, and finishes with a Swiss Teams game on Sunday, Oct. 9. Then, starting at the end of the month, the Central Valley Harvest Regional Tournament will be played at the DoubleTree Hotel in Modesto. Play starts Monday afternoon, Oct. 31, and continues through Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016. Complete information and flyers for each of these tournaments can be found on the ACBL website ([www.acbl.org/tournaments/](http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/)).

The SCLH duplicate bridge games are played in the Kilaga Springs Lodge as follows:

**Wednesdays at 12:30 PM, Fridays at 5:00 PM, Saturdays at 12:30 PM**

**Wednesday games include**

- a 199er section (for players with less than 200 Masterpoints)
- bridge lessons or panel discussions promptly at 11:45 AM \*

**Saturday game includes a 299er section**

\* The October lesson schedule has been posted on the Home page of the club website ([www.bridgewebs.com/lincolnhills/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/lincolnhills/)).

SCLH Duplicate Bridge club is open to all residents of Sun City and their invited guests. Game fees are \$2.00 per person for members and non-member residents (for their first 3 visits), or \$5.00 for guests. If you need a partner for one of these games, call Barbara Dorf (434-8234), Squeak Conner (645-9085), or Lynne White (253-9882). For a partner in the Wednesday or Saturday limited games, also call Lynne White. For additional information about the club, visit the club website: **[www.bridgewebs.com/lincolnhills](http://www.bridgewebs.com/lincolnhills)** or call club president, Sharon Neff at 543-8897.





We have started a 299'er game on Monday.

Brief lesson at 11am (sharp),  
with a stratified game following.

Fee is \$5

As always, a Costco all beef hot dog, chips and a beverage are available for \$1.

#### GAME

Tuesdays  
Check In 11:00 am  
Game 11:30 pm

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

#### QUESTIONS?

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

[CLICK HERE for  
Game Results](#)

#### PARTNERSHIP DESK:

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Guaranteed—  
You Will Play



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



October AT FOLSOM BRIDGE CENTER  
Your friendly venue for Duplicate Bridge!

Directors

Barbara Morman  
Last Thursday  
916 600-8893

Sundays  
Roz Flynn  
530-409-3537

Susan Haynie  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
Thursday  
916-212-9130

Al Beckner  
Monday, Friday,  
Saturday

Folsom Bridge Center  
9500 Greenback Lane  
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**SEE CALENDAR  
ON WEBSITE FOR  
More EVENTS**

**October is Club Appreciation Month!  
Games 10-1, 4, 16, 21, 27, 31  
Join us for MORE POINTS!**



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **Winners of Club Championships**

Sept. 17th: Bill Allgood & Steve Brown  
Sept. 18th: Richard & Nancy Willis

#### **Taco Tuesday October 4th**



**Thursday NLM Charity Games \$6.00  
October 6, 13, 20 at 11:00 am**

Call Susan for Thursday Games: 916 212-9130

**Sunday NLM Game October 9th and 23rd  
Games start at Noon**

Call Roz for Sunday Games: 530 409-3537

**Next Unit 505 Game is in Folsom October 2nd  
199'r game and 299'r game  
with 3 or more tables  
Dave Willmott, Director  
Chili furnished by Dave!**

**Barbara Vann Memorial Game—Photos next page**

***Galapagos Islands Photos by David Willmott***  
[Click here to see more photos on David's Facebook page](#)



**Barbara Vann's Memorial Game Raised \$326 for W.E.A.V.E  
20 tables of great bridge to celebrate a great lady!**

**Thank you to all who came out to support!**



Thank you to Al Beckner,  
Dave Willmott, Barbara  
Morman and Susan Haynie!





Directors

Barbara Morman  
Last Thursday  
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Roz Flynn  
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Saturday

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**October AT FOLSOM BRIDGE CENTER**  
**Your friendly venue for Duplicate Bridge!**

**Mentor/Mentee Game**

**Club Appreciation**

**Sunday 10-16 Noon**

Cost is \$6 Mentor/\$8 Mentee

Call Roz Flynn for Sunday Games:  
530-409-3537

**POT LUCK SWISS TEAMS**  
**Thursday, October 27th**



**Hot Dog and Chili**  
**Saturday, October 29th**



**Halloween Costume Party**

Monday, October 31st  
Prizes for the best costumes.

*We will be closed Sunday, October 30th for the Unit Game at  
Sacramento Bridge Center.*

**Galapagos Islands Photos by David Willmott**  
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# FOOTHILL BRIDGE CENTER



Welcome New players:

Sharon Neff

Pam Peters

Kathi and Tod Beach

New ACBL Members:

Carole and Ray Lindstrom

Congratulations!

Jerry Nakamura and  
John Schroeder had a  
71.43% game on  
Friday, September 23

Advancements:

Rich James—

Ruby Life Master

Jack Reichel—  
Club Master

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Sandy Wold 530 906-8506

# CONGRATULATIONS!

September Swiss team

winners:

Gayle Heslop,  
Richard Hobbie &  
Sandy Wold.

Not pictured Jean Rulison.



Bingo winners:

Jean Rulison,  
Terry Cree,  
G Downing,  
Darrell Davidson

Foothiller-of-the-Month –  
Jim Coke

Club Championship, September 15

N/S

OA2 Sandy Andre, Steve Templeton

OB1 Bill Koelzer, Mary Fahel

OB2 Jack Reichel, Bob Berg

OB3 Bob Otto, Dennis Letl

OB5 Ed, Francine Pogue

E/W

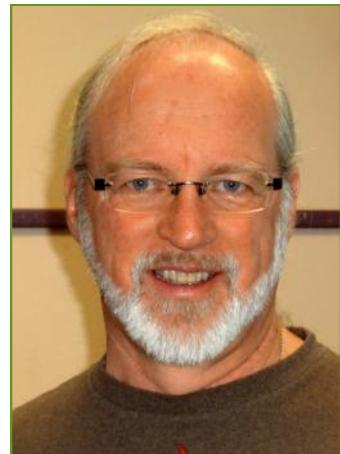
OA1 Ted Rytel, Bob Viersen

OA3 Jim Coke, Denzil Pais

OC2 Susan Farrar, Ellen Ellery

B2/3 Evelyn Roger, Peggy Vellanoweth

B2/3 Gary McCormick, Bill Lockett





## October is ACBL Club Appreciation Month.

Foothill's goal for the month is **185 tables**.

The card fees for the entire month will be \$2 per person per game.

See our website for a schedule of all the special games.

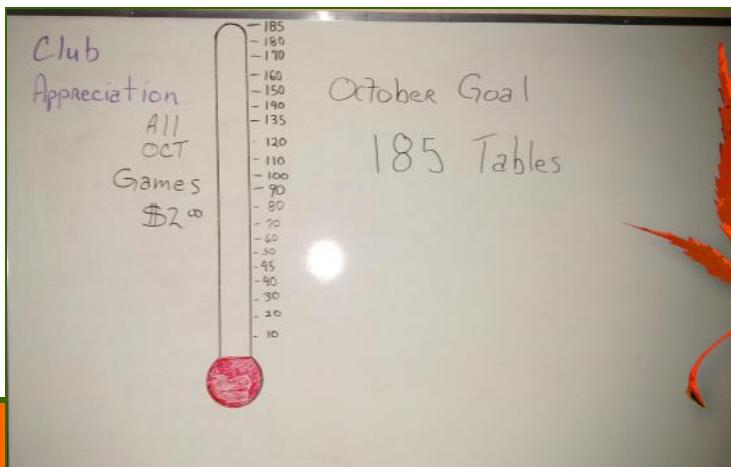
### *Club Appreciation*

### \$2 All October Games

\*For all Swiss Teams Games, and Sunday Oct 9, please register your team/pair with Barry at [mgeldorf@gmail.com](mailto:mgeldorf@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Gold points (.25) are offered in the Swiss Team Games

- 3 Monday, 12, Noon, Open Pairs
- 5 Wednesday, 6:30 pm Open Pairs
- 7\* Friday, 6:30 pm, Open Swiss Teams
- 9\* Sunday, 1 pm Open Pairs
- 12 Wednesday, 10 am, NLM Pairs
- 13\* Thursday, 10 am, NLM Swiss Teams
- 17\* Monday, 12, Noon, Open Swiss Teams
- 19\* Wednesday, 6:30, Open Swiss Teams
- 20 Thursday, 10 am, NLM Pairs
- 23\* Sunday, 1 pm, Open Swiss Teams
- 26\* Wednesday, 10 am, NLM Swiss Teams
- 28 Friday, 6:30 pm, Open Pairs



## The Continuing Adventures of Mary and Teri

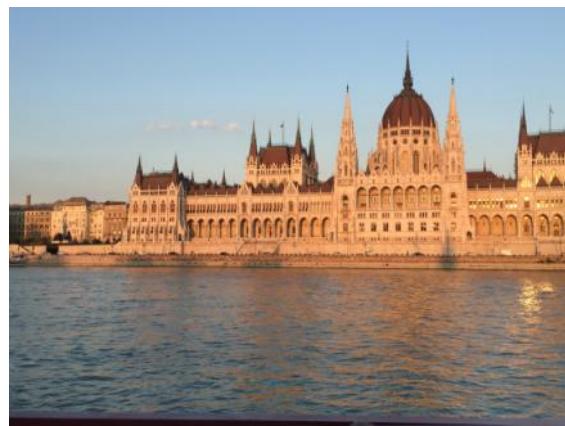
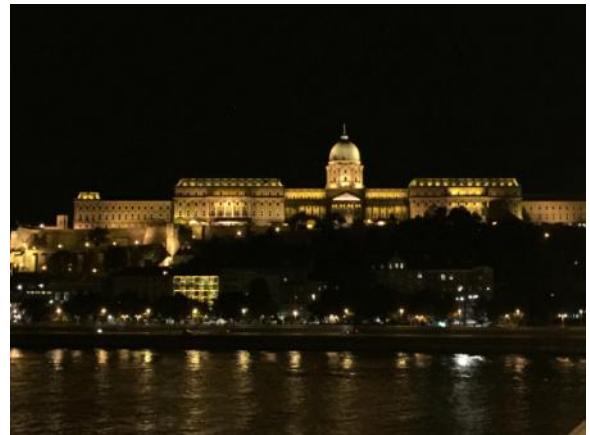
Faithful readers of the Kibitzer will remember that Teri and Mary (and Katherine, Prue, Ginny, and Joanne) entered Team OSMO into the Women's Team Trials in May. Had we won that event, we would have represented the United States in the World Bridge Games Team events in Wroclaw, Poland.

Well, we didn't win but, at the time, Mary and I realized that you could also enter the pairs events in the World Bridge Games as long as the United States Bridge Federation approved you. At that time, we decided to do so and got approval from Jan Martel to play. We also decided that, since we were going to travel half way across the world to play bridge, we might as well take some added time and visit some of the countries in Eastern Europe.

So, on September 5th (after playing in the Santa Clara Regional), Mary and Teri took to the skies and flew into Budapest, Hungary to start our latest adventure. Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Its capital, Budapest, is bisected by the Danube River. Budapest was a large, urbane city (think Chicago or San Francisco). Lots of touristy things to do but really a working city (and, I think, the capital of Hungary).

At night the buildings of Budapest are all lit up. The picture at the right shows the Buda castle at night. Interestingly enough, the building below it and on the left with the lit up facade is the hotel where we stayed. Right on the Danube river (but we had a room in the back).

We stayed in Budapest for a day and a half. During that time we explored the city quite a bit using a "Hop on Hop Off" bus as our transport system (this worked very well in Budapest; less well in other cities). In addition to general sightseeing, we visited the Parliament building, the City Market, and some of the Cathedrals. Mary got in lots of walking while in Budapest and Teri stumbled along on several of these outings. The pictures below shows Mary with the Chain Bridge and the Castle in the background as well as the Parliament building (at sunset) seen from a boat ride on the Danube river.



After spending the time in Budapest, we climbed into a sleeper car on the Hungarian rail lines for an overnight trip to Prague in the Czech Republic. The train got us into Prague right on time but it was not the most comfortable night's sleep for either Mary or Teri (Teri had the top bunk).



We spent about a day and a half in Prague. We stayed in a hotel that was located in the old city and very central. From there, we could walk to the places we wanted to go. Again, Mary wandered wide afield while Teri stayed more local. We spent quite a bit of time in the main square in Prague. This square was filled with tourists but had fascinating buildings all around it. The picture at the right shows a portion of this. At the left is something called an Astronomical clock. This shows the zodiacal constellations, the date and time, the times of sunrise and sunset, and so on. The main square is in the middle of the picture and a church (with Disneyesque spires) is at the right edge of the picture.

While on this trip, Mary and I did not actually go into very many of the buildings we saw. We mostly wandered around and soaked up the atmosphere. However, one of the buildings that Teri wanted to see was the Clementinum in Prague. This building housed a wonderful old library and a set of old astronomical instruments. In fact the building was used to establish a Prague central meridian. The pictures below show Teri standing next to the instruments used to establish this reference as well as the Prague skyline from the top of the astronomical tower.

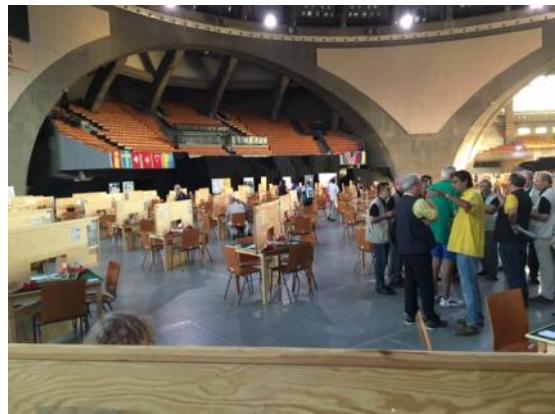


After spending some time in Prague, we again boarded the train for our journey to Wroclaw Poland where we were going to play bridge. Since we were traveling in the afternoon, no sleeper car this time. Instead a fast train to the Czech Republic/Poland border and then a milk run up to Wroclaw. The first train comfortable and the second ok. You can see us "riding the rails" below.



Well, the reason for including this article in the Kibitzer is that it includes bridge and it is about time to turn to that aspect of things. As stated above, we had planned to play in the Women's Pairs events in the World Bridge Games -- competing against women from all over the world (many who had already won several prestigious events).

In addition to the team events that were being played in Wroclaw, there were over 320 pairs that came to play in Open, Senior, Mixed, and Women's events. These events were held in Halle Stulecia (an enormous convention center). These Games were a big deal in Poland. Guests were welcomed to the games by head of the International Olympic Committee, officials of the Polish government, and the heads of the WBF as well as local sports organizations.



The pairs events were spread out over seven days with qualifying, semi final, and final events. We typically played about 50 boards every day. All of the play was behind screens and the scoring was done barometer style (everyone played the same boards at the same time; this meant that over 320 boards were duplicated for each event). This play was divided into ten board sessions (about 8 minutes per board) with fifteen minute (or so) breaks after every session.

Mary and I had played in a couple international events so far this year (Iceland and Sweden) and this helped prepare us for the format of this event and the style of play (including how to make convention cards suitable for international play; types of agreements to be encountered, etc.). Unlike Iceland and Sweden, we didn't encounter quite the variety of agreements in Wroclaw. About half the pairs played some version of a standard 2/1 card while a large minority played some version of the Polish Club system (we were in Poland after all). There were also a large number of pairs who played some type of Precision system. All of these agreements have become somewhat familiar to us by now.



I would like to report that we "crushed" the competition. Well we didn't. We finished #36 out of 39. We beat three others. Lots of work for little reward but we are both happy to be competing at this world championship level. Playing three times a day in tournaments has also been great for helping focus over longer matches. The other good (in a way) aspect is that we are beating ourselves. If we could eliminate most of the mistakes (in play and judgement) we would move way up. The other players aren't beating us; we are beating ourselves!

Finally, to all my bridge playing friends; you have got to try playing at this level. Several of you have played National events at NABC's and that is an approximation of this. But when you play at a truly international event, the bridge is even more intense! A wonderful (learning) experience.

As is frequently the case, we didn't do too much other than play bridge while we were in Wroclaw. We were staying about two miles from the playing site. Mary walked both ways most days while I rode the tram like a local (bad knees you know). That was fun too.

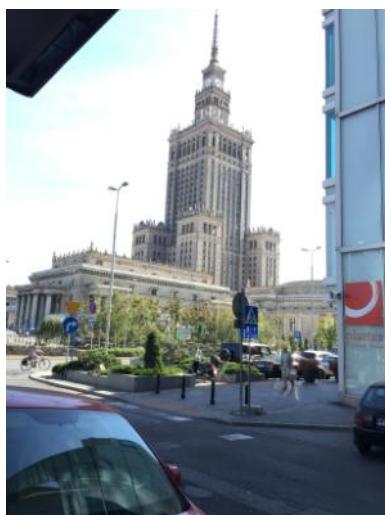
We did go down to old town Wroclaw one day for a great dinner. While there we did get a chance to see a bit of the market square area (and go searching for the Wroclaw gnomes).



After five days of fairly intense bridge, Teri (at least) was getting burnt out. So, while we could have played a couple more days in some consolation rounds, we decided instead to drive over to Katowice (near Krakow in the Southern part of Poland) and visit Auschwitz and then drive to Warsaw (we had made return reservations from Warsaw) and do some sight seeing there.

Our visit to Auschwitz was very sobering. This is something that everyone should do and experience for themselves. Everyone has read about what happened in Nazi Germany during the way but visiting and experiencing this yourself has a much more powerful emotional impact. This place is haunted by the dead.

Then on to Warsaw. Warsaw was a very interesting mix of the old (the castle area shown at the right), the Nazi era (with portions of the wall of the Warsaw ghetto still in existence), the Soviet era (the Ministry of Culture building shown below), and the modern (also see below). As in Budapest, we used a "Hop On Hop Off" bus as our transportation system but did manage to visit and enjoy much of the city. If you do get to Warsaw, do enjoy the Castle area. Again, this contains a very lively and interesting town square with lots of old world atmosphere.



All in all, our adventure in Eastern Europe was quite rewarding and very interesting. We got to see lots more of the world (new places for both Teri and Mary), we got to play some very high level bridge against some great competition (and learn more about our game), and enjoyed some good food and met new friends.

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## Next up ...

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
2016 FALL NABC, ORLANDO  
Revised: 08/29/16  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

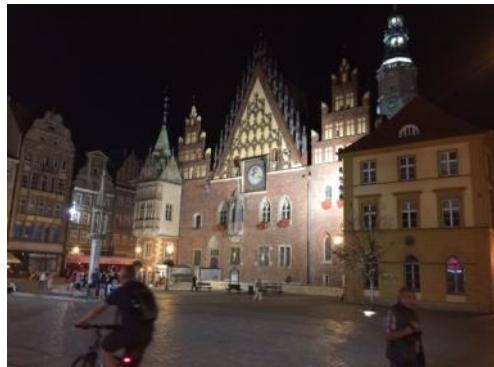
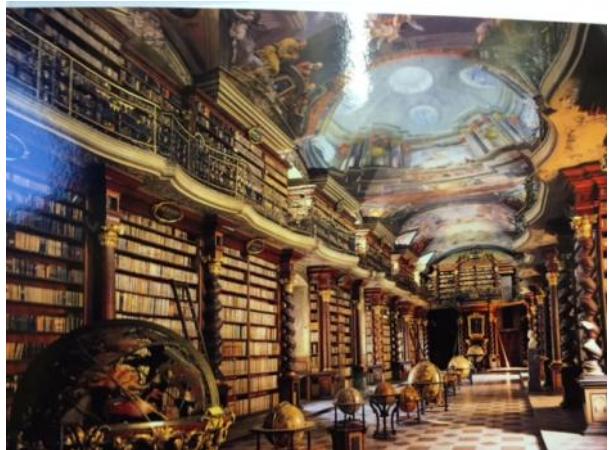
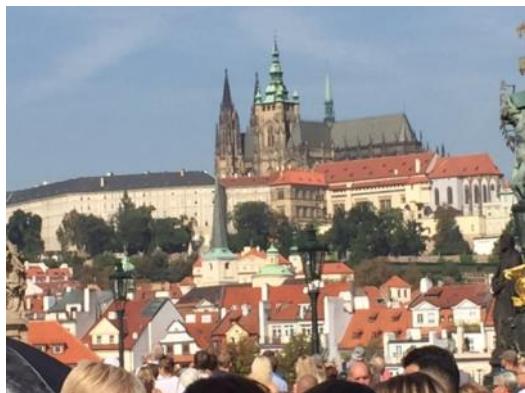
### Team OSMO Strati-flighted A/B/C Open Pairs Two sessions

Yes, Teri and Mary are sponsoring a game at the National in Orlando!  
Supporting their love of bridge. Stay tuned!

## Teri and Mary in Budapest

Mary added her thoughts and more pictures . . . Budapest was a large, urbane city (think Chicago or San Francisco). Lots of touristy things to do but really a working city (and, I think, the capital of Hungary).

Lots of very unique and beautiful architecture. Especially at night when the buildings are all lit up.



in Wroclaw



Well, we made it to Wroclaw and are registered for the Women's Pairs Games at the World Bridge Festival (and have played the first three rounds). When we registered, they gave us a booklet about the games and it had descriptions and pictures of the previous games with pictures of the event winners. In looking at that, I got goose bumps. Names of people who have played in this event include such greats as: Sildor, Kaplan, Reese, Stayman, Belladonna, Hamman, etc. (not to mention more recent names -- including a picture of a very young Eric Rodwell). In what other game can you "step up to the plate in Yankee Stadium" and take pitches from the equivalent of Alex Rodriguez! Remarkable experience.



Well, the bridge is done. Mary and I had a good time and played some good bridge and some not so good bridge. We played 23 ten board sessions over five days with some other great women players. We finished #36 out of 39. We beat three others. Lots of work for little reward but we are both happy to be competing at this world championship level. Playing three times a day in tournaments has also been great for helping focus over longer matches.

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