

UNIT GAME RESULTS

Overall Winners

JANUARY 29, Unit Stratified Pairs

A - 1 Bruce Blakely - Fred Stout
 B - 1 Jerome Meislin - George Economy
 C - 1 Carmella Sogge - Helene Warwick

A - 2 Loretta Bromberg - Lou Sasselli
 B - 2 Hilde Meislin - Lynn Pasternak
 C - 2 Mary Tilden - Syril Atherton

FEBRUARY 4 ACBL International Fund

A - 1 Loarn Thoelecke - Diane Williams
 B - 1 Barbara Curley - Ceil Moskowitz
 C - 1 Betty Blumlein - Syril Atherton

A - 2 Laura Kenney - Gene Simpson
 B - 2 Bram Bevis Dresden - William Kazee
 C - 2 Mike Kelley - Myron Jay Kelley

NEW MEMBERS

ROOKIE 0-5 MP (78)

Elizabet D'Orazio, Suzy Doyle, Dora Fleming, Jim Kent, Sally Kent, Madeleine Langeveld,
 Sybyl Otter, Gene Pudberry, Noryne Turner, Doris Wilhelm, Robert Wilhelm

TRANSFERS INTO UNIT 508

Edward Kamski, Mary Kiriakis, Barbara Queary
 NEW JUNIOR MASTERS 5+ MP (48)

Lynn Blankfort, Gary Fields, Susanne Riess, Carmella Sogge, Billie Zeisler, Ed Zeisler

NEW CLUB MASTERS 20+ MP (57)

Meta Bare, Fred Boone, Edna Rocha, Finbar Yuen
 NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS 50+ MP (74)

Ann Armour

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS 100+ MP (53)

Joan Creed, Motoko Kawajiri, Anita Stone
 NABC MASTER 200+ MP (36)

Roedel Masters

NEW LIFE MASTERS (42)

Guy Bogenrief, Nancy Girtler, Cathie Hayes, Maggi Manca, Richard Ziock

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS (2)

Nancy Girtler, Cassandra Mani

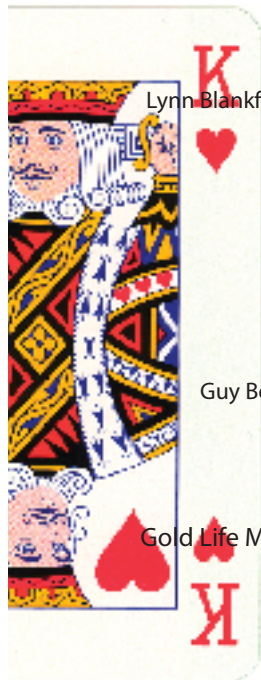
NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER (55)

Gary Kirk, Gerry Peck

Gold Life Master (11) Diamond Life Master (1) Emerald Life Master (1)

Bruce Noda

Platinum Life Master (0) Grand Life Master (1)



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April

2 Unit Pairs
 9 ACBL Charity Game
 29-30 Marin Sectional

May

7 Unit Pairs Awards Party
 14 Unit Pairs
 21 STaC



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Richard Goldberg



Lots of good things are happening in our unit. Bruce Noda has become a diamond Life Master, our membership has increased to 529, the recent pro-am game was a big success with thirteen tables and our members continue to have success at local regional and sectionals.

In this DD issue, we have listed the Ace of Club and Mini-McKinney winners for 2005 and will present them awards at our May 7 Unit game. Congratulations to all the winners for a great performance.

Looking ahead, our upcoming Sectional Tournament is scheduled for April 29 & 30. Bob Liss, our tournament organizer extraordinaire, is planning for a record turnout. Remember, we are all representatives of our unit and this is our chance to demonstrate that we are first rate hosts and practice a zero tolerance philosophy. Take the initiative and offer Bob Liss or Marsha Sampson (hospitality coordinator) your assistance. At the June 25 Unit Game we will be electing a new Board of Directors. Already several people have volunteered to join Barbara Cooper, Fred Stout, Ann Reed and me on next years Board. We are actively looking for a few people to help with Education, Hospitality Coordination and Unit Game Coordination. This is your chance to give back a little time and effort to your unit. I expect to be overwhelmed in the coming week with offers to help.

The Santa Rosa Bridge Unit would like to start an inter-club tournament with Napa, Sonoma and Marin teams. Please E mail Bob Liss at robertliss@comcast.net for more information

Lastly, I have previously requested ideas/suggestions for unit activities base on your experiences and knowledge of other clubs around the country. I am still waiting....

THE EDITOR'S BOX

It has been my pleasure to have served the members of ACBL #508 for a little over two years cranking out what hopefully was an interesting Double Dummy. It was my goal that the two outside pages would reflect the interests of the various levels of Life Masters and that the two inside pages would be directed towards the rest of us. There is a time however to move on and that is where I have arrived. Someone else will take the helm for awhile. I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank those who have written contributions for the inside section and a special thank you to Peggy Tatro who generously allowed me to use her various lessons when there was too much empty space on the screen. Again, thank you. See you at the tables.

Bob Greenwood

MARIN SPRING SECTIONAL APRIL 29 & 30, 2006

It isn't too soon to begin planning for the Marin Sectional to be held in the Marin Catholic Gymnasium at 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Kentfield. Saturday, stratified pairs for both the morning and evening session. And, on Sunday, two sessions with bracketed Swiss Teams. Single session entry allowed for teams averaging fewer than 200 MP. Tournament Chair is Bob Liss. Ellen Schiller in charge of partnerships. For further information check the web page www.marinbridge.com or check flyers at the local clubs.

ACE OF CLUBS

Rookie of the Year

Gerald Levine	23.45
Deborah Levine	23.08
Finbar Yuen	15.46

Junior Master of the Year

Bruce Nissim	20.14
Alyce Zahorsky	17.38
Russell Dodge	13.83

ClubMaster of the Year

Jackie Greenberg	
Lynn Lewis	17.60
Lani Valentine	16.35

Sectional Master of the Year

Irene Averell	51.40
Ron Ingram	48.80
Kenneth Tishgart	46.94

Regional Master of the Year

Irwin Kaufman	63.48
Sonia Feder	52.25
Arlene Sauser	47.66

NABC Master of the Year

Nancy Girtler	43.56
Patricia Rothenberg	40.05
Dee Cumberland	35.74

Life Master of the Year

Hilde Meislin	79.82
Michael Nistler	63.85
Michael Hartnett	55.27

Bronze Life Master

George Economy	109.07
Gary Kirk	90.26
Clifford Lardinois	81.62

Silver Life Master of the Year

Jerome Meislin	141.84
Ellen Weingart	115.34
Sylvia Ross	103.15

Gold Life Master of the Year

Robert Liss	182.08
Ellen Schiller	172.92
Betty Marggraf	143.65

Emerald Life Master of the Year

Loretta Bromberg	103.01
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Grand Life Master of the Year

Bob Crossley	40.54
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by
Ann
Reed



The Mini McKenney Award is for the persons who won the most Masterpoints for the calendar year in their category at all games they played.



The Ace of Clubs Award is for the persons who won the most Masterpoints for the calendar year in only club games.

Mini - Mckenney Standings

Rookie of the Year

Gerald Levine	27.72
Deborah Levine	27.31
Louis Thoeleck	19.05

Junior Master of the Year

Bruce Nissim	31.08
Vicki Quinn	23.84
Alyce Zahorsky	18.06

Club Master of the Year

Jackie Greenberg	28.65
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Sectional Master of the Year

James Bhear	26.95
Lillian Oliver	20.84
Suzanne Anderson	76.82
Irene Averell	65.56
Kenneth Tishgart	60.32

Regional Master of the Year

Alex Kinas	124.81
Richard Ziock	122.07
Cathie Hayes	117.14

NABC Master of the Year

Maggi Manca	77.99
Patricia Rothenberg	56.31
Nancy Girtler	54.35

Life Master of the Year

Michael Nistler	179.14
Cassandra Mani	134.51
Hilde Meislin	91.29

Bronze Life Master of the Year

Nancy Ferguson	186.48
George Economy	144.22
Roberta Lyon	109.33

Silver Life Master of the Year

Laura Kenney	266.86
Bruce Blakely	257.81
Nancy Zakim	187.28

Gold Life Master of the Year

Bruce Noda	682.00
Robert Liss	295.76
Ellen Schiller	259.38

Emerald Life Master

Loretta Bromberg	450.47
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Grand Life Master of the Year

Bob Crossley	164.54
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TATRO'S TIMELY TIPS

by Peggy Tatro

DON'T REBID A 5-CARD SUIT with a reasonable alternative

Quite often, both opener and responder want to rebid their 5-card suit to "tell" partner that it's 5 cards long! With only 5 cards in a suit there is usually a better alternative to bidding that suit twice when trying to find a fit.

Opener Responder

1 C	1 H
??	S -A73 H-82 D-A43 C-KQ976

Many players want partner to know that their clubs are real! Opener's best rebid here is 1 NT to show a balanced minimum opening.

Even though responder only shows a 4-card suit on his first bid, there is usually a better alternative than to bid the same suit again to show 5 cards. So, responder also usually promises a 6-card suit by rebidding the same suit without support.

Opener Responder

1 C	1 H
1 S	?? S-65 H-KQ732 D-Q76 C-976

Responder is minimum with only five hearts. How many hearts does opener have? Maybe none! It is undoubtedly wiser for responder to rebid 1 NT to "tell" partner that he is minimum and to avoid being left in 2 H with little or no support. If opener happens to also be weak, it is very likely that responder would be left in a contract of 2 H. You can't keep fighting it out until you're too high to make anything!

TIPS, cont.

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
1 S	P	1 NT	2 C
2 D	P	2 H	P
??			
(Opener)	S-AJ753	H-82	D-AKQ3 C-976

What is responder doing? Let's assume responder is not bidding a 4 or 5 card suit! Opener has not shown any support for hearts, yet responder showed them freely. Responder is weak, from the 1 NT response. Pass, and be glad you have some support! This is responder's hand:

S-2	H-QJ10 976	D-K5	C-J432
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Opener Opponent Responder Opponent

1 D	1 S	Dbl	P
2 C	P	2 H	

Responder is "rebidding" his suit, which shows a minimum of 6. Again, opener has not indicated he has any hearts, or is balanced, so responder should not bid a 5-card suit just to "show" it to partner! Responder did not bid 2H freely over the opponent's 1 S overcall because she was not strong enough.

This is responder's hand:

S-932	H-AK10 984	D- 54	C-84
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TRUE OR FALSE

- C-QJ962
- Against a no trump you lead the 6 of clubs?
- S-9732
- Against a no trump you lead the 7 of spades??

The 6 C is false. Lead the Q the top of a sequence. The above example is a broken sequence. The 7 S is true. Lead 2nd highest from weak four-card suits. Leading low from honor low likes, high Hates"