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President's Message

By Richard Leach

A few items of interest:

THE KITCHEN - Thanks to Jane Dober and her crew of volunteers, we have a GREAT THING going! When they have cleaned up PLEASE, PLEASE stay out of the kitchen! Some people need a snack half way through their bridge game; bring a nutrition bar or something like that in your purse or pocket. **Thanks for your cooperation on this!**

FACILITIES - Our rent and common area costs have gone up about \$2,000 per month from a year ago. This was all part of our lease agreement signed some 5 years ago with the landlord when we moved downstairs. This cannot be changed for another 4 1/2 years. We are paying less per sq. ft. than any other tenant in the building including all new tenants! Our 44% increase in our table count for January, February and March from a year ago is keeping us above water.

ZERO TOLERANCE - We are still having too many complaints in this area! This has to stop! If you have a problem at your table, call the Director. Let them make a ruling. If someone is being rude at the table, write a letter to the Board giving the date, the other players involved, and all pertinent information; the Board will take appropriate action as called out by the ACBL. I believe some players are going through their second childhood!

Hope to see everyone at the Club soon.

Membership

By Sandy Busby

Awards

(Awards are usually a month behind.)

Congratulations to those earning new ACBL ranking.



April

Junior Master: (5 MPs)

Cathy Cohen, Roberta Hickman, Carol Hood

Club Master: (20 MPs)

Hal Ewing, Kathleen Friesen

Sectional Master: (50 MPs)

Judy Alvord, Gregory Hanson, Lee Mequet

Regional Master: (100 MPs)

Meg Casalaspj, Richard Mackaig, Mark Rehms

Bronze Life Master: (500 MPs)

Ruth White

New Master Point certificates have been made and are posted on the Bulletin Board; old certificates are in the upright plastic containers on the front counter for you to take home.

Happy Birthday – June Birthdays

Roger Alderso, Betty Cagle, Galyn Cagle, Betty Caress, Ina De Munck, Joan Emery, Larry Hedge, Loli Henderson, Sumiko Inagaki, Tanya Johnson, Jane King, Roman Matusik, Mel Mitchell, Lorraine Norton, Dollie Poulos, Anne Rolbin, Arnold Schwartz, and Jan Siegel.

Please contact Sandy Busby for any additions, etc. to our birthday lists – sandbuz@aol.com. (Be sure to check the list kept on the food counter as well.)

New Members

Welcome new members: **Anna Abrams, Lynn Hasney, Roni Litz, Barbara Queen-Bennett, Tom Snooks**, and transferee **Julie Janss** .

Rain or Shine

Diane Velick had back surgery and is home recuperating. Get better quick, Diane, we miss you around the Club.

Ron Rudderow has been under the weather as of late and has given up his stint on the Board as Treasurer. Ron has done a fantastic job for Dana Harbor and we thank him for all his hard work. Replacing him is Greg Hanson. Greg, you have big shoes to fill – good luck.

Game Calendar

June 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge III	2 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	3 9:30 Easy Bridge I 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	4 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	5 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 No Game	6 12:30 No Game
7	8 112:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge III	9 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	10 9:30 Easy Bridge I 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	11 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	12 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 Charity Open Game	13 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Games Open & NLM
14	15 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge III	16 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	17 9:30 Easy Bridge I 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	18 12:30 Swiss Team Games Open & NLM	19 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 Charity Open Game	20 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Open Game
21 1:00 Unit Game	22 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge III -----Club	23 12:30 Open & 299'er Games Championship	24 9:30 Easy Bridge II 12:30 Open & 99'er 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams -----	25 12:30 Open & 299'er Games All Games-----	26 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 Charity Open Game All Week-----	27 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Open Game Hand Records -----
28 1:00 Charity Swiss Team Game -----	29 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge III	30 12:30 Open & 299'er Games				

Regular Daily Game Schedule

Monday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Games
Monday Eve.	7:00 PM	Easybridge
Tuesday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Games
Wednesday Morn.	9:30 AM	Easybridge
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Open & 99'er Stratified Games
Wednesday Eve.	6:30 PM	Swiss Teams Charity Game
Thursday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Games
Thursday*	12:30 PM	Open & NLM Charity Swiss Teams – 3 rd Thursday <i>USUALLY</i>
Friday	12:30 PM	Open & 99'er Stratified Games
Friday Eve.**	7:00 PM	Open Stratified Charity Game
Saturday**	12:30PM	Open Stratified Charity Game 2 nd Saturday – Additional NLM Game 4 th Saturday – Hand Records
Sunday*	1:00 PM	3 rd Sunday <i>USUALLY</i> - Unit Game 5 th Sunday – Special Unit Game 4 th Sunday <i>USUALLY</i> – SWISS Teams Charity Game

Notes on the Regular Daily Schedule

*Be sure to check the website for any date changes.

**These games are sometimes canceled for local tournaments. Be sure to check the website for any cancellations.

A light lunch is provided Monday through Saturday and Sunday Swiss Teams.

Website – When you access our web address, the main page has a listing of **Special Events** for the current and next month these are not the regular daily schedule. There are links on the page to the Regular Daily Schedule.

New Items

(New Items are announcements or notes of interest not appearing in other parts of the Newsletter that will usually appear one time.)

GNT Finals

The winners of the District 22 GNT Finals held in Oceanside on May 2nd for Flight C (NLM) were: Bonnie Myers, Judy Alvord, Dae Leckie and Ron Leckie. They will be going to Washington, DC in July and we wish them lots of luck.

Card Snapping

Card snapping is annoying, rude, loud and most of all bad bridge etiquette. Instead of bending the card corner and snapping it on the table, try picking up the card and gently placing it on the table. If you are not aware that you are snapping the cards, please take the 'news' with good manners. Everyone at your table and in the room thank you in advance for being courteous and considerate.

Interested in Becoming a Life Master?

To become a Life Master, you need to first join ACBL. If you don't care about points, then Why should you join ACBL? No duplicate bridge club in the USA would be possible without ACBL's sanction. Directors and Teachers are ACBL certified. The Laws we play by are from ACBL. In other words, our Club would not be here if not for The American Contract Bridge League. Join ACBL and support both bridge and Dana Harbor Bridge Center where you can make new friends and play a truly great game! First year membership is \$26.

For those of you that are interested in points and have not joined ACBL yet, NOW is the time to do it so that you can take advantage of the less stringent requirements to become a Life Master. Effective January 1, 2010, the requirements for attaining Life Master status will change. The new requirements **will not** apply to current ACBL members (as long as your dues are current and you maintain continuous membership in ACBL until you become a Life Master).

Current Life Master Requirements

Total MPs needed – 300

of which there must be at least

Gold - 25
Red** – 25
Silver – 50

**Red or Gold

After 1/1/10 Life Master Requirements

Total MPs needed – 500

of which there must be at least:

Gold* – 50
Red** - 50
Silver – 75
Black – 75

*Gold or Platinum

**Red, Gold or Platinum

For Membership applications, see any Director or contact our Membership Chairperson, Sandy Busby at sandbuz@aol.com. Don't delay, join NOW!

Mike Lawrence Charity Seminar

Thanks to our Unit, the Anaheim Unit, and the Laguna Woods bridge club, who together sponsored Mike Lawrence's one day charity seminar on Sunday, May 31st. Mike is one of bridge's brightest stars. The seminar was very successful, and we look forward to more events like this one.

[Bridge Study](#)

Did you know that Laguna Woods is at the center of the world's largest decades-long study of health and mental acuity in the elderly begun by the University of Southern California researchers in 1981? And that bridge is at the heart of it? If you are interested in learning more, there is a recent *New York Times* article hanging on the Bulletin Board near this [Newsletter](#).

[Bidding Card Placement](#)

By Jacob Weisberg

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It has been my observation that "bridge box fondling" is down; my compliments to everyone. Yes, it happens sometimes, but without a scientific calculation, I believe most of us are thinking what we want to bid, keeping our hands off the bidding box until we make up our mind, and then placing the call on the table.

So, that leads me to my next informal observation – bidding card placement:

I am told that the placement of a call on the table is supposed to be made in the same manner every time. This means that if your partner did something and now you are barred from the auction, or bid when you think they should have passed, etc., you must SMOOTHLY place your call card on the table, consistent with every other time. The card does the speaking, **not the manner of placement** of the card.

Yet, I've seen the following and I bet you have, too:

1. Throwing card down - giving the appearance of emphasis... which could be interpreted to mean....PARTNER, you did something I did not like.
2. Floating the card into the air - almost giving the appearance of resignation as if to say, "Oh well, I give up."
3. Snapping the card – which might show a better hand than call itself.

Whatever these different placements mean, one thing is certain, they're not in keeping consistent and they are not allowed. The bidding box came into being to avoid the human interactions of speech differences and possible Unauthorized Information being transmitted, and now card differences seem to have taken their place.

What's to be done about that? That's not for me to decide. Are you guilty of inconsistency in bidding card placement? What is Jacob guilty of? I like to think nothing, but I could be oblivious to my actions. In fact one person did tell me that I am an inconsistent "floater." Others, too, might be oblivious to their actions of variable placement.

I know I'm going to be more aware of identical placement for my calls and I urge you all to be as well. Clearly, if you think some information is being transmitted via the call card placement, that's cause for a Director call and possible penalties.

Special Items

(Special Items will be recurring themes but may not be included in every Newsletter.)

From the Directors

Thursday, June 18th is Swiss Teams – Judy Elbogen



Points of Fact:

Call/Bid - What is a call? What is a bid?

A bid is a call but a call is not a bid – confused? A bid is a type of call. Bids are numbers 1-7 in Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, Spades or No Trump (i.e., 3C, 6NT). A call is a bid (any bid), pass, double, or redouble.

Changes of Call

A change of call is ONLY allowed if the change was made without Pause for Thought (rare). The change can be made until partner makes a call.

Therefore, **a deliberate change of call (most) is NOT allowed.**

If someone attempts to change their call, stop them and call the Director immediately! If they do change their call, call the Director immediately!

Do not self rule! The Director will assess whether the call was deliberate or not and what, if any options and penalties there are.

Hand-of-the-Month

Edited from a Mike Lawrence lesson.

W – Dealer
 Vul – None



	N		E
	K86		109
	AJ86		4
	K642		AQ87
W	Q4		J86532
QJ75		S	
Q953		A432	
J109		K1072	
AK		53	
		1097	

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
			1♦	Opening lead - A♣
P	2D	P	P	
X	P	2♥	P	
P	P			

South got to 2♥ after North made a hair-raising reopening double. It is wise to reopen the bidding when the opponents have a fit, but doing so on this North hand runs a huge risk. What if South bids clubs? The North hand is good enough to risk balancing, but 2♥ is probably better than double. In any event, North got lucky when South bid 2♥.

As a rule, you should look at your opponent’s Convention Card to see their lead conventions. There are tons of treatments and if you don’t look to see what is going on, you can be burned. In this case, your opponents normally lead the King from the Ace-King, so this sequence of plays is odd. Perhaps West has a doubleton...

After the A-K of clubs, West lead the J of diamonds – do you put up the King? Normally, of course, you would cover an honor with an honor but let’s think, they both bid diamonds. Why would West lead the J away from the Ace? South could have a singleton, and that would give up a free trick; East must have the Ace. Also, East may have AQx and the Ace will fall after three rounds. Unfortunately, this doesn’t work this time. South trumps the third round of diamonds. Now what?

You must listen and learn from the bidding – what is said and what is not said. Your opponents are using two over one (which you checked by looking at their Convention Card earlier). Given this information, you should be able to answer a few questions:

- How many diamonds does West have? Showing 3 – J109; East AQxx
- What is West's distribution? 4 4 3 2 - We know this because if West had 5 hearts or spades, he would have opened that suit. The reverse of the A-K of clubs showed two and we know he has 3 diamonds. This is the only distribution that fits.
- Who has the J of clubs? - East has it as West is already marked with just the A-K.
- Who has the rest of the high card points? Your side has 20 pts and Opponents have 20 pts; East has shown 7, therefore, West has 13 (he did open) – the remaining high cards.
- What is East's shape? We know West's shape, it wouldn't hurt to visualize East. 2 1 4 6
One thing sticks out like a sore thumb – the singleton heart.

Having a vision of the opponents' hands, it remains to find a line to eight tricks. There is a danger to this hand if we spend too much time fooling around. If East ever gets in, he will lead the A of diamonds and that will attack our trump position. Assuming West has the Q of hearts, we will have to ruff with the K and then take the rest of the trumps. It is likely that East will get in with a heart or perhaps a club if East has the J of clubs.

Here we go – finesse the 10 of hearts, Q covers, play the Ace. While leading the K of hearts protects against a singleton Queen, the K of hearts is needed to ruff a diamond. Ruff the K of diamonds with the K of hearts. Play a heart, then K-A spades. At this point, South has taken 2 spade tricks, two diamond ruffs in the South hand, and two hearts. East has shown out of hearts so dummy's J and 8 of hearts will be good for two tricks since they are sitting over West's 9 and 5 of hearts. Give up a spade and claim when West leads a heart. Making 2.

Notes

Would you have passed 1♦ with the North hand? You should if you are playing regular takeout doubles.

Do not overlook raising partner's minor suit. Living in fear of a three-card suit is bad bridge.

Watch those spots in a suit that could make a difference.

Check the Opponents' Convention Card – it's there for you.

Above all – try to picture as many hands as you can.

Email Notice

Each month the club sends this Newsletter and special notices via email to all those who wish to receive them. Many of the emails come back undelivered for bad addresses; these emails are automatically deleted from the list. Therefore, if you are not getting the Newsletter or email notices and see this Newsletter elsewhere, please send your current email address to Sandra Busby at sandbuz@aol.com and she will add you to the list. Newsletters are not mailed, however, a Newsletter is posted each month on the bulletin board.



Kitchen

By Jane Dober

If anyone would like to join our committee, or has any suggestions please speak to any of our helpers or directly to me at doberbeach@yahoo.com.

Lessons and Classes

Classes by Sally Pelmeur



Easybridge I - Wednesday Mornings

9:30 - 11:45 AM...No Partner Required

June 3 – Playing in notrump?...Count, count, count

June 10 – Putting on your Very Best Suit.

June 17 – Finessing with Grace.

June 24 – Best Little Cheat Sheet in the West.

Easybridge II starts on June 24 with a Great Big Review.

Easybridge III+ – Monday Evenings

7:00 - 9:30 PM...No Partner Required

June 1 – Forceful Bidding.... can't say "no" to partner

June 8 – Forceful Leadsa tip from partner

June 15 – "Sharing" tricks ...what are they entitled to?

June 22 – Split Expectations ...reality check

June 29 – The "Push-me-pulley" decision

For more information on the above classes, call Sally Pelmeur at 949-855-8953 or email her at sallypelmeur@hotmail.com.

Classes by Ginnie Blitzman

Saturdays at 11:45 AM, before the Open Game, Ginnie gives a min-lesson on conventions, play of the hand, ACBL regulations, etc. At the 4th Saturday Game there are hand records so you can analyze what you did right/wrong. Please contact Ginnie for any questions at 949-395-2402.

[Library/Lost & Found](#)

Our books are on the bookshelves in the back corner of the bridge center (near the Lost & Found) and are available to all members to borrow. All books have been donated. If you would like to borrow or donate a book, please contact LaVerne at 949-492-7692.

[Mentor Program](#)

By Ann Cressman

The Mentor Program is going very well and from all indications, everyone is playing and learning something from our patient Mentors. It is certainly good experience to play with someone better, and at a higher level. If you are unable to play 6 times, that is alright. Six dates were merely suggested. Some can only play a few times, which is OK.

Saturday, July 18th will be our Pot Luck and Play. All Mentees and Mentors are encouraged to attend this special day. A wonderful buffet pot luck lunch will start at 11:30 AM with game time at 1:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and save the date. Watch for additional information in the July Newsletter and look for a Sign-Up Sheet as the date draws near.

Feel free to contact me anytime at anncressman@gmail.com.

[Photography](#)

Anyone that has a picture or pictures that they think would be of interest to our members, please email them to the Editor – ginnieb21@hotmail.com.

[Publicity](#)

For any accomplishment you have achieved during the past month, please contact Cathy Cram at cathycram@comline.com. She will be happy to put your name up in lights in the [Contract Bridge Forum](#). This newspaper is a District 22 publication with information about all clubs in District 22.

Many of our members do well in tournaments. If you go to a tournament, please report good results to us so that we can publish them in this [Newsletter](#) and in the [Contract Bridge Forum](#).

Did you know that the Forum can be viewed on-line before you receive it in the mail? Check out www.contractbridgeforum.com/January/District22.htm. Just change the month.

Help!

Cathy has been doing this Publicity function for a while and would like someone else to take it over. If you can take on this project, please contact Sandy Busby at sandbuz@aol.com.

[Website](#)

Our website address is www.danaharborbridgecenter.org. Go there to get latest information and other helpful items. For example, the entire Player's Education Series is there along with Game Results, this [Newsletter](#), Local Restaurants, Bridge Links and more. Thanks to Peter Redwood for keeping this key information tool updated.

Persons-In-The-Know

If you have any news that you think would be of interest to the membership, please let the appropriate membership committee chairperson know, or you can email the Editor directly at – ginnieb21@hotmail.com

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