



Newsletter Volume 12/#3

February 2012

Marti Mossawir, Editor

danaharborbridgecenter.org

President's Message

Welcome to the New Year! --- much the same as the Old Year, just with some new twists. We are now using our Bridgemates for all pair games. Sometime in 2012, we will be able to use them for Team games as well. Of course, there will be some glitches, but we trust this will be a faster and more accurate way to post scores. We have chosen to use the Bridgemates in Tournament mode so bids and scores by previous tables can't be viewed. This has been done so discussion about boards doesn't provide information for other tables. Even with this in place, some players still insist on loudly discussing hands just played. For your own benefit – please don't.

Our end of year Sectional was a success and will be repeated this year – things to look forward to. Thanks to Carol Armstrong for feeding all of us and to John Kissinger who championed the idea.

The Board has not heard much from the membership about our discontinuing lunch service. I urge our members to make your desires known as we are going to entertain several ideas people have proposed during our next Board Meeting on 2/20/12.

We believe we have eliminated previous difficulties with the calendar. After looking at the Newsletter calendar, please also refer to the website regularly for changes. Of course we will continue to Email Blast the changes, but we don't want to wear out our welcome on your email.

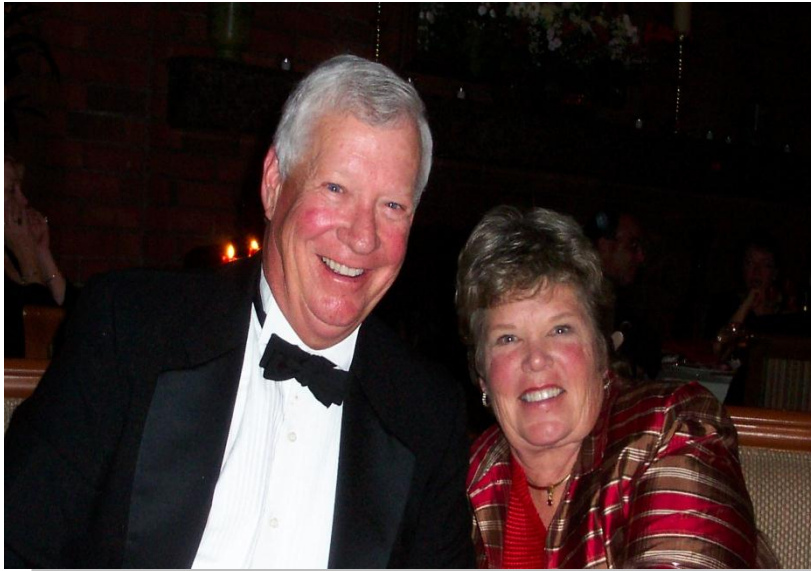
February is Junior Fund Month. All our games will be Charity games for the Junior Fund. This is a great way in which the ACBL involves young people in the game we all love. I believe the future of bridge in the US depends on getting young people involved. Bridge is a far more challenging and stimulating game than “Angry Birds”. Instead of spending hours in front of a computer our young people would be better served to participate in a session of bridge. In concert with Balboa and Laguna Woods, our club will be looking at ways to get young people excited about bridge.

Shortly, we will be displaying a rough draft of the Membership Roster for 2012. Please check the information for your listing and make sure it is accurate. If you haven't shared your email with us, it would be great to do so at this time. We will solicit corrections for about two weeks and then go to print. It is in your interest to check your listing. Thanks.

Enjoy Riverside and good luck to all our members looking for Gold and their Life Master.

John Jonas

Love – Work – Play: The Cavanaugh's by Carol Stiff



Marilyn and Bob were born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia and attended Harriton High School - graduating three years apart. Following high school both graduated from college, Bob from Pennsylvania State University and Marilyn from Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire. Their personal relationship began when they met at Wyeth Pharmaceutical Laboratories in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Bob was doing biological research while attending college and Marilyn was working as a medical secretary coordinating birth control studies. The relationship was somewhat casual in that they dated on and off for three years; however, during this period Bob kept close watch on Marilyn by calling her parents and asking if they were available that evening to play bridge. If the answer was 'yes' he felt great - as he knew Marilyn was not out on a date. Since Marilyn's parents were accomplished bridge players and taught them the finer points of the game, it was during this time that their bridge playing lives began.

Following his graduation from Penn State, Bob attended the US Navy's Officer Candidate School and received his commission in 1964. He was assigned to the USS *Traverse County* -LSD 1160, upon which he served three years as an engineering officer. Halfway through his tour of duty - Bob and Marilyn were married. They have two children - Robert, who works for UPS: and, Constance, the CFO of Durham Unified School District in Durham, California. Not only do they have an outstanding family - they are currently enjoying their 46th year of marriage while becoming excellent bridge players and golfers.

Bob worked for ARCO as its Manager of International Crude Oil Supply where he acquired considerable experience in the field. In 1974 he joined an international oil trading company which he was instrumental in establishing, that represented the Indonesian National Oil Company - Pertamina. He served as President of that organization and ultimately – through acquisitions, ended his career as Senior Vice President of Marketing for the domestic arm of Mitsubishi International Corporation. Upon retiring he obtained his series seven Brokerage license and worked for ten years as a stock broker.

Marilyn has always been a busy lady - working as a homemaker, playing tennis, golf, bridge, china painting and establishing a successful catering company, which she and Bob manage. Those who have enjoyed their catering service give it a Five Star Rating. Both Bob and Marilyn enjoy playing golf at El Niguel Country Club - Bob is a member of the Club's Renovation Committee. He is also a member of the Moulton Niguel Water District Advisory Board. Playing bridge is a very important passion in their lives and they spend considerable hours upgrading their skills at the Dana Harbor Bridge Center. One of their first experiences at the Center was taking the Monday evening lessons with Sally Pelmeur where they became great friends with many players. They look forward to many more years of becoming better bridge players, meeting other players, and making friends.

Membership

Birthdays

Judy Alvord, Barbara Biniasz, Judy Bongarzone, Duke Caldwell, Paula Campbell, Rachel Chasin, Rosalind Chasmen, Maury Corn, Mary Jean Dennis, Alan Dirkin, Judy Elbogen, Don Ellis, Stephanie Fletke, Jean Golden, Janice Gordon, Jannie Graf, Trudi Hanscom, Souhail Toubi, Anita Nadel, Richard Ritter, Irwin Rosenfeld, Diana Seeb, Nancy Shapiro, Anthony Shloss, Myrna Silverman, Patricia Solik, Robert Stanley, Barbara Thompson, Barbara Ward, Kipton Wells, Ruth White, Yumiko Worcester

Milestones

Junior Master (5 points): Marcia Archer, Kevin Benson-Brown, Shirley Hull, Fran Masket, Anna Wong

Club Master (20 Points): Gerard Commerford

Sectional Master (50 Points): Norma Cedarstrom, Evelyn Crook, Debbie Parker

Regional Master (100 Points): Marilyn Cavanaugh, Martha Mossawir

NABC Master (200 Points): Carol Foster, Gary Waldron

Bronze Life Master (500 Points): Marcia Holland, Dae Leckie, Mark Rehms

New Members

Leonard Jensen, Jody Pike

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ALL Games Junior Fund Charity	* All SWISS TEAM GAMES are GNT Qualifiers	1 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6PM Swiss Teams* 6:30 PM	2 NO 9:30 AM CLASS Open & 299'er 12:30 PM	3 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	4 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open 12:30 PM Lite Lunch@12
5 NO GAME	6 Free Lesson John Kissinger 11:15-11:45 AM Open & NLM 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	7 Competing Confidently S. Pelmeur 9:30 AM Open & 299'er 12:30 PM Play of the Hand L. Globus 6:30 PM	8 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6PM Swiss Teams* 6:30 PM	9 Covering the Convention Card Jane Dober 9:30 AM Open & 299'er 12:30 PM	10 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	11 NO GAME (Saddleback Sectional)
12 NO GAME	13 Free Lesson John Kissinger 11:15-11:45 AM Open & NLM 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	14 Competing Confidently 9:30 AM Open & 299'er 12:30 PM Play of the Hand 6:30 PM	15 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6PM Swiss Teams* 6:30 PM	16 Covering the Convention Card 9:30 AM Swiss Teams* Stratified 12:30 PM	17 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	18 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open 12:30 PM Lite Lunch@12
19 Unit Game 1:00 PM Lunch at 12:30 PM	20 Free Lesson John Kissinger 11:15-11:45 AM Open & NLM 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	21 Competing Confidently 9:30 AM Open & 299'er 12:30 PM Play of the Hand 6:30 PM	22 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6 PM Swiss Teams* 6:30 PM	23 Covering the Convention Card 9:30 AM Open & 299'er 12:30 PM	24 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	25 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open 12:30 PM Lite Lunch@12
26 SWISS Teams* 1:00 PM Lite Lunch At 12:30 PM	27 Free Lesson John Kissinger 11:15-11:45 AM Open & NLM 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	28 NO 9:30 AM CLASS Open & 299'er 12:30 PM Play of the Hand 6:30 PM	29 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6 PM Swiss Teams* 6:30 PM	ALL Games Junior Fund Charity	Monday NLM is 0 – 500 NLM	* All SWISS TEAM GAMES are GNT Qualifiers

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Game Fees \$8.00			EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6PM Swiss Teams GNT Qualifier 6:30 PM	1 Covering the Convention Card 9:30 AM Open & 299'er 12:30 PM	2 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	3 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Game 12:30 PM
4	5 Competitive Bidding John Kissinger 11:15 AM FREE Open & NLM STaC 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	6 Open & NLM STaC 12:30 PM Play of the Hand L. Globus 6:30 PM	7 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & NLM STaC 12:30 PM Snack @ 6PM Swiss Teams GNT Qualifier 6:30 PM	8 Covering the Convention Card 9:30 AM Open & NLM STaC 12:30 PM	9 Open & NLM STaC 12:30 PM	10 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Game STaC 12:30 PM
11	12 Competitive Bidding John Kissinger 11:15 AM FREE Open & 199'er 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	13 Open & 299'er 12:30 PM Play of the Hand 6:30 PM	14 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6PM Swiss Teams GNT Qualifier 6:30 PM	15 Swiss Teams Stratified 12:30 PM	16 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	17 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Game Charity 12:30 PM
18	19 Open & 199'er Charity 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	20 Open & 299'er Charity 12:30 PM Play of the Hand 6:30 PM	21 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er Charity 12:30 PM Snack @ 6 PM Swiss Teams GNT Qualifier 6:30 PM	22 Open & 299'er Charity 12:30 PM	23 Open & 99'er Charity 12:30 PM	24 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Game Club Championship 12:30 PM
25	26 Open & 199'er 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	27 Open & 299'er 12:30 PM Play of the Hand 6:30 PM	28 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open & 99'er 12:30 PM Snack @ 6 PM Swiss Teams GNT Qualifier 6:30 PM	29 Open & 299'er 12:30 PM	30 Open & 99'er 12:30 PM	31 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Game Charity 12:30 PM

*At Knockout Teams, Clues About a Void in Spades**

* This article written by PHILLIP ALDER is reprinted from the January 29, 2012 New York Times website.

At the Orlando Regional at the beginning of January 2012, the team of Reanette Frobouck of Vero Beach, Fla.; Curtis Cheek of Las Vegas; Allan Graves of Barnet, Vt.; and Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell of Clearwater Beach, Fla., won more master points than anyone else. They entered four knockout team events, winning two and being runners-up twice.

	♠ A K 7 3	
	♥ K J 5 4	
	♦ J 9 8 3	
	♣ J	
♠ Q J 9 6 5 4 2		♠ void
♥ 3		♥ A Q 9 8 6 2
♦ Q 5		♦ 6
♣ K Q 6		♣ 10 9 7 5 4 2
	♠ 10 8	
	♥ 10 7	
	♦ A K 10 7 4 2	
	♣ A 8 3	

Neither side is vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
		2 ♥	3 ♦
4 ♣	5 ♦	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the ♠ 2.

The diagramed deal helped turn one match around. At the other table North-South made three no-trump with an overtrick. In the auction East's opening bid showed at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor with some 6 to 10 points. The rest of the auction was natural.

Against five diamonds doubled West, correctly reading his partner's double as asking for an unusual lead, started with the spade deuce. Meckstroth (South), also reading East's double, played low from the dummy. East, after ruffing, assumed his partner's low-spade lead was a suit-preference signal for clubs, so he shifted to that suit. Now, though, declarer won with his ace, drew trumps and cashed dummy's top spades to discard a heart loser. He conceded the spade ruff and one heart. Minus 430 and plus 550 gave the Frobouck team 4 IMPs on the board. But if five diamonds doubled had gone down one, it would have been 12 IMPs the other way.

West should have led a middle spade, since he had second-round controls in hearts and clubs. Then surely East would have cashed the heart ace at Trick 2 and given his partner a heart ruff for down one. On an initial heart lead, with East playing three rounds of the suit, South must ruff the third high to get out for down one.

[Lessons and Classes](#)

[Six-weeks of FREE Lessons with John Kissinger ...](#) John will present six lectures on successive Monday mornings beginning February 6. Lectures will begin at 11:15 am and last about 40 minutes. The first two are intended to improve your bidding accuracy, and the next four should help your competitive bidding.

1. **Adjustments to Goren Point Count.** Goren's 4-3-2-1 point count method was and is a good aid in evaluating the strength of your hand, but extensive computer analysis (by Evan Bailey), naturally not available to Goren, extended and improved the original method. Class describes John's fairly simple adjustments to Goren that incorporate what he sees as most important of Evan's findings in accurately evaluating the strength of your hand.
2. **Puppet Stayman.** Knowing opener's strength within a narrow range on relatively balanced hands is more important than immediately knowing he has a 5-card major when he has NT values. Describes how to use the system and compares the advantages and disadvantages of Puppet vs. standard methods.
3. **NT Bidding With Interference.** Discusses 2-level bids as well as the use and benefits of 3-level transfers in competition.
4. **Suction Defense to NT and Strong 1C/2C Opening Bids.** Describes how to use the bids and how to defend.
5. **2NT Forcing in Competition (Leibensohl Forever).** Describes how to differentiate between sound and not-invitational hands when bidding at the 3-level in competition.
6. **Bailey Weak 2-Bids.** Not preemptive but, rather, a light opening bid, or advance balancing bid. Describes how to use these bids and explains why they are effective.

-
[Covering the Convention Card with Jane Dober ...](#) If you are ready to move past Easy Bridge, please join my class on Thursday mornings. This is a perfect class for advanced beginner and intermediate players. The class fee is \$10.00 per class. Come for one class or the entire series.

February 2—No class

February 9---Pre-emptive opening 2 bids, Showing a feature or Playing Ogust.

February 16---Defense against opening 2's

February 23---Pre-emptive 3 & 4 openings

In March the class will cover: Everything you need to know about opening 1NT and responses by partner. The class offers: exercise sheets, pre-dealt hands to play, lots of class interaction, and question & answer time. To learn more, call Jane Dober at 481-0330 or e-mail j.dober@cox.net.

[Play of the Hand with Larry Globus ...](#) Larry Globus continues his Tuesday night class at 6:30 PM. The class fee is \$10 per class. The class has started off with a lot of fun and insights by the students enrolled. Any interested players are welcome to attend. Play of the Hand covers: playing suit combinations, interfering with opponent's communications, dealing with entry issues, trump control problems, cross ruffing the hand, dummy reversals, using clues from bidding and opening lead, playing the percentages, counting, advanced plays, deception, matchpoint vs team game strategies, and defensive play and carding. Please contact Larry at larryglobus@cox.net for additional information.

Saturday Morning Mini-Class with Ginnie Blitzman... A mini-lesson is offered most Saturday mornings with Ginnie Blitzman. **Note: There will be no lesson on February 11th.** This free class explores all aspects of bridge and offers practice hands and situations. The lesson begins at 11:45 AM, prior to the Saturday game.

Easybridge With Sally Pelmear

Easybridge I - Wednesday Mornings

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

February 1 – Smart Overcalling ...AND the First Game.
February 8 – Double Trouble for the Opponents.
February 15 – Notrump Bidding ... Transferring Ownership.
February 22 – Notrump Bidding ... Staying Put.
February 29 – Heavyweight Jumping and Jabbing.

Easybridge III+ - Monday Evenings

7:00 – 9:30 PM ...No Partner Required

February 6 – Leading partner in the right direction.
February 13 – Leading declarer in the wrong direction.
February 20 – Did you listen to the bidding? Really?
February 27 – Practice Makes Perfect!

The Tuesday Series on Competitive Bidding is full.

For more information on the above classes, call Sally Pelmear at 949-855-8953 or e-mail: sallypelmear@cox.net or Dae Leckie at daeleckie@gmail.com.

Club Teachers

Susan Benon lagunacub@aol.com
Sally Pelmear sallypelmear@cox.net
Ginnie Blitzman ginnieb21@hotmail.com
Jane Dober j.dober@cox.net

Larry Globus larryglobus@cox.net
Hal Binder halbinder@cox.net
Ann Cressman anncressman@gmail.com

Board of Directors

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
At Large, Facilities
Membership & Emails
Calendar

John Jonas
John Kissinger
David Adams
Trudy Hanscom
Dae Leckie
Leslie Levine
Karen Jachetta

jllapher@gmail.com
john.kissinger@cox.net
dga1939@gmail.com
t.hanscom@live.com
daeleckie@gmail.com
leslielevine@cox.net
jachetta@cox.net

Chairpersons

Newsletter
Unit Manager
Director of Directors
Members-At-Large
Banking
Website, etc., etc. etc.
Audit

Ethics

Publications

Library
Hand-of-the-Month
Rain or Shine
Partnerships

Annual Holiday Party
Mentor Program

Marti Mossawir

Dae Leckie
Bob Reynolds
Carol Armstrong
Peter Redwood
Don Ellis
Joe FioRica
John Kissinger
Jacob Weisberg
Janie Matlaf
Steve Jackson
Laverne Mersereau
Ginny Johnson
Eugenia Corb
Fausta Vitali (Open)

Odile Gendreau (299ers)
Susan Benon
Ann Cressman

martha.mossawir@cox.net

daeleckie@gmail.com
filtrit@aol.com
carol.armstrong@cox.net
phsr1@cox.net
dellis@cox.net
joefio@cox.net
john.kissinger@cox.net
creativecommunications@att.net
jmatlaf@cox.net
stevejackson4@me.com
949-492-7692
lucyjon1@cox.net
949-492-1316
fausta1@cox.net
or 949-497-2370
odilegendreau@gmail.com
lagunacub@aol.com
anncressman@gmail.com

Directors

John Adams
Ginnie Blitzman
Andy DeLeon
Judy Elbogen
Scott Campbell
Fran Foresta
Debbie Gailfus
Allen Golbert
Dae Leckie

johnadams@fea.net
ginnieb21@hotmail.com
adeleon461@aol.com
judyeo1@cox.net
kenton1947
franforesta@verizon.net
dobakala@sbcglobal.net
brettsdad@aol.com
daeleckie@gmail.com