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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Number 7 of the "Ten Basic Rules of Bridge Etiquette": "When on lead against a contract, lead and THEN write down the contract on your score card. Same thing for dummy, lay your hand down and THEN write down the contract." (emphasis added)

On to other matters, at the Board meeting in November, rents were discussed. The last, and for a while final, decision was to charge a per-table fee for rental of the building for club games. The meeting had three Club Owners/Directors in attendance who contributed greatly to the discussion and feeling of give-and-take. We are hopeful that our members will come to play in as many games as possible, since the operation of the building has been running in the red.

In addition, the Board adopted a policy that active Club Owner/Directors would not be eligible to sit on the Board. Larry made the motion and then resigned from the Board when the motion passed. He will continue to be an ex-officio member as Building Manager, but will not be a voting member. We also voted Doug Halleen to replace Beth Ege. Ron Coffee was elected Vice-President and Tom White resigned from the Board, effective December 11. Board members are currently looking for Unit members to fill the two vacant positions; getting a Treasurer will be a bonus.

Since this is the end of the year, I would like to remind all of our members to participate if they can in the Monterey Regional. Betty Jackson will be asking for volunteers to help with hospitality. Lyde Hussey will be looking for volunteers at the Partnership desk. We don't care how experienced you are, if you participate, you'll get a feel for why this game is such great entertainment. See you at the Hyatt January 1! **Pat Thomas**

UNIT 530
Board of Directors
and Chairmen

President: Pat Thomas
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The last Newsletter published a list of contributors to the Building Improvement Fund. Through an oversight (i.e. editor screw-up) Annette and Doug Halleen were not on the list—my apologies. In addition, subsequent contributions have come in from Mary Ellen and Mike McCormick. Thanks again to these contributors and all who so generously supported the renovations.

Financial Information

What with the recent scuttlebutt around the increase in table fees and discussion of the Bridge Center budgets, the Unit 530 Board of Directors feel it is a good idea to share the state of our finances with the membership in a more prominent venue. The information has always been available and posted on the Unit Bulletin Board, however, most members do not peruse this regularly. Therefore, we will provide a snapshot with each Newsletter. If you wish additional details, please see the Bulletin Boards. First, Unit 530 is quite solvent as a Unit, the increase in table fees was required to keep the operation of the Bridge Center Building itself in the black—expenses have gone up over the last five years. The PG&E bills have increased an average of \$250 per month, the building is getting older and the maintenance has increased about \$100 per month. . Further, we are not sure how long we will be able to stay in our current location, so it was felt that the building should be able to support itself from the rents paid by the Club Owners, ***It has not done so for the last year or so.*** The obvious solution to that problem was to increase the rents after five years of no increases. The purpose is to be able to show potential investors or mortgage lenders that we have a track record of stability and profitability. This may be important if we have to finance the purchase of a new facility in the future.

Unit 530 Checking Account Balance as of 10/30/07	\$ 9,977.68
Unit 530 Seven Month Certificate of Deposit	28,850.35
Building Improvement Fund (contributions)	6,002.00
Bridge Center Building Operating Account Balance on 10/30/07	4,991.12
Total Cash On Hand	\$49,821.15
Building Operations Year to Date as of 10/30/07	
Income	\$16,914.00
Expenses	18,494.75
Net deficit	(1,580.75)

Unit Game Winners



**Sep16: Jean Cody-Margaret Jackson (Flt A) ,
Marianne Van Gelder-Marcie Phelps (Flt B),
Olga and Warren Hager (Flt C)**



Oct 21: Ron Loiacono-Martha Hawley (Flt A and B)


**Nov 11: Lauren Upson, Marcia Beaumont, Ron Coffee, Dave Williams
(Pro-Am Teams Game)**



Marcia's
Photo
Unavailable



Special Events Jan 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Monterey Regional at the Hyatt	2 Monterey Regional at the Hyatt	3 Monterey Regional at the Hyatt	4 Monterey Regional at the Hyatt	5 Monterey Regional at the Hyatt
6 Monterey Regional at the Hyatt	7	8	9 Wednesday 1:00 Return To Moose Lodge	10	11	12
13	14 Hand Records	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 JD's Birthday	22 Club Championship 12:30	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Club Championship 7:15	30	31		



New Years Eve Game
Reserve with Lyde
4:30 Social Hour
5:30 Bridge Game
7:00 Soup and Salad
7:30 Game Continues
9:30 Champagne and
Home to bed

MY LIFE BROKEN DOWN INTO SEGMENTS



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WHAT DO YOU BID?

Playing Match Points, none vul. Your LHO opens 1H, partner passes and RHO Passes. You Double and LHO passes, partner tries 1S and RHO makes a delayed raise of 2H. It's your bid?

S K Q
 H J
 D J 6 5 4 3
 C A K Q 5 4

Our local Bidding Panel gives their opinions on page 7. If you would like to join the Bidding Panel AND have email let us know.

THANK YOU!

Marsha Kraushaar has donated her husband's services to the Bridge Center—Nick owns a copy and printing center.

Special Events February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Pines Club Championship	9
10	11	12 Club Championship 9:00	13 <i>Two</i> Club Championships 11:00 and 7:00	14 	15 Oaks NLM Championship 10:00	16
17	18	19	20	21 Club Championship 12:30	22	23 Club Championship 9:30
24	25	26	27	28	29	



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 11/01/07 - Membership 418
Ranks achieved through 11/01/07

Junior Master: Margaret Lawrence, Madelyn Schwyn, Edith Sennet, J D Patel, Carl Paulsen, Peg Thompson, Beth Conley

Club Master: Jane Altavilla, Yoko Bassett, Jean Engvall, Dean Freeman, Joe Leavitt, Sondra Rees, Eronn Heiner, Paula Weber, Mary Block, Richard Frazer, Bill Prunty, Mary Strange

Sectional Master: Barbara Babcock, Konny Murray, Roberta Emmerson, Arden Hoppe, Charles Hoppe. Rose Le Va, Gerald Oehler

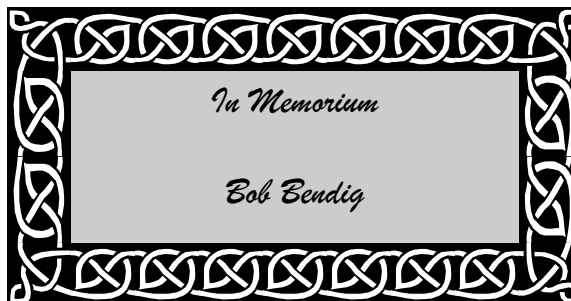
Regional Master: Suzanne Snyder, Fran Cava



Ed Von Adelung Makes GOLD LIFE MASTER

Ed has joined an exclusive group of players with 2500 or more points. There are only ten active members of Unit 530 who have attained this goal.

Congratulations Ed!



Special Events March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Club Championship 12:30	11	12 Moose Club Championship	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



EASY BRIDGE

The newest E-Z Bridge class completed an eight week course on Thursday December 6th. There were 28 new players participating.

In January, Lyde and Jill will Offer four workshops on Thursdays from 4:30—6:30. January 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Please call Jill or Lyde for reservations.



And Then There was Light!

Kudos to Dough Halleen for risking life and limb to change the ceiling lights at the Bridge Center. Ron Coffee held the ladder.

We also need to thank Ed Von Adelung for programming our thermostats to help Save energy.

Ongoing Lessons

Series for advanced Intermediates – Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 Starts Jan 23



Call Lyde for Reservations Please 644-0202

Comments from Club Owners /Directors

Speed Ball -- A Speedy Way To Spend The Afternoon. Many players are enjoying the Tuesday speed ball game. The room is very quiet, people are totally focused on the game, there is no waiting between rounds, pick-up slips are used, and we play by the clock. Five and a half minutes per board is only 2 minutes less than normal and seldom have we had a pair not complete the round within the time allotment. If there is a challenging hand, resulting in a skipped board, the consequence could actually be in your favor if you are having a good game. Both sides would receive NP which is equal to your percentage of game. I remind our players the clock is not an intimidator, but rather simply a way to time the event. There is no race, but rather tempo playing with little discussion and distraction is the key. I will turn your cards when you are dummy when you wish to leave the table for any reason. If you have not tried speed ball yet, please join us on Tuesday at the Center at 12:30. Betty

On Tuesday evening at 7:15 at the Bridge Center, several good players of all strats gather for an evening of good Duplicate Bridge, beginning players are welcome. The game is small. If you have a partner (or need one) call Bill Putman 772-0430

Effort is made to avoid half tables, please do not walk in unannounced. Join us and enjoy the company and refreshments. Hope to see you there. Bill Putnam.

On Wednesday afternoon at 1PM the game at the Moose Lodge, in Del Rey Oaks, has inaugurated a new format. We don't have computer hands for all the boards but we do have them for 1-8 with analysis and comments indicating how the bidding and play might go. It is proving to be a lot of fun and some even say a learning experience. We are stratified so beginners can score points regularly. It is a laid-back game, a nice room, and lots of laughs.

Larry

Regularly Scheduled Games

Sunday - Bayview Bridge Club 1:00 pm Open Partner Required. Marianne van Gelder 655-3773

Monday - County Public Bridge Club 10:00 am (except holidays) Open 986 Hilby Ave (Oldemeyer Center) Seaside - Janet Hedlund, Manager, 422-6607

Monday - Duplicate BC 12:30 pm - Open Stratified, partner required Larry Slayton, Director 601-7907 or 655-8811

Tuesday - Fair Play Bridge Club 12:30 pm Open "Speed Ball"- Partner Required Betty Jackson, Director 646-0510

Tuesday - Ord Bridge Club 7:15 pm Open - Partner Required Bill Putnam, Director 772-0430

Wednesday - Oaks Bridge Club 11:00 am - Social Game Lesson/Supervised Play Lunch Break - No Partner Required. Lyde McReynolds, Director 644-0202

Wednesday - St. Paul's Bridge Club 12:30 pm St. Paul's Episcopal Church Pajaro & San Miguel Salinas. George Masker, Director 758-9541

Wednesday - Moose Bridge Club 1:00 pm Open at Moose Lodge, Del Rey Oaks. Larry Slayton, Director 601-7907

Wednesday - Monterey Bridge Club 7:00 pm - Open - Social Game No Partner Required Lyde McReynolds, Director 644-0202

Thursday - Cypress Bridge Club 12:30 pm - Open - Stratified - Partner Required. Lyde McReynolds, Director 644-0202

Thursday- George's Bridge Club 7:00 pm -St. Pauls's Episcopal Church Pajaro & San Miguel, Salinas. George Masker, Director 758-9541

Friday - Oaks Bridge Club - NonLife Master . 10:00 am Short Lunch Break. Lyde McReynolds, Director 644-0202

Friday - Steinbeck Country Bridge Club - 11:55 am - Open Active Seniors Inc. Facility 100 Harvest St (corner of Pajaro St) Salinas. Janet Hedlund, Manager, 422-6607

Friday - The Pines Bridge Club - 1:00 pm - Open Stratified Hyatt Park Lane. Betty Jackson, Director. 646-0510

Saturday - George's Bridge Club 12:30 pm -Luthern Church of Our Savior, Blanco Rd & Luther Way, Salinas. Alternate site: St. Pauls's Episcopal Church Pajaro & San Miguel Salinas. George Masker, Director 758-9541 or Bill Putnam 772-0430

Saturday—EZ Bridge 9:30 199er Game. No Partner Required, Jill Leach, Director, 625-4421



The Bidding Panel responds to the problem on page three

I would not have made the balancing X. I would have bid 2 NT describing my hand. After the 2 heart call, I would bid 3 club to show more value and provide a lead. My partner didn't jump to show 10 points so we probably don't have a game. **Betty**

I'll bid 3 clubs . Partner can correct to 3 diamonds or pass. Partner didn't bid 2 spades so he does not have many points. I'll let the opponents play 3 hearts , but not 2 hearts. **Wally**

Ugh!! 2 Spades. Nobody want's to bid much. Can't let them have it for 2 Hearts. **Ed**

I'm bidding 3 clubs. It doesn't rate to be the last bid and I would like partner to know where my double came from. **Pat t.**

First, I would have bid 2 NT (unusual for the Minors) because in our system double would imply Spade support. What if partner should bid 2 spades over the double and bid spades again after competition. But because the bidding progressed as shown. I would probably pass the 2 heart bid. I believe doubling and bidding again would show a good 16+ HCP hand –this one is not. However, in the event I bid 2NT over his 1H in the pass out position, partner will bid his best Minor. **Mits**

I must have pulled the wrong bid---I meant 2NT. 3 clubs look attractive but I 'll pass the 2 hearts as partner' response was minimal and forced. **Phyllis**

Impossible to place bid since this auction would never exist for me + my partner. After 1H-P-P I would bid 2D not X. **Steve R**

3C--while partner only bid at the 1 level, by the opponent's bidding, he stands to have at least some points, and hearts., I want to play NT. I'll pass a response of either 3D or 3S. **Nancy B**

I hate this hand. I hate Larry for dumping this mess in my lap. I hate the bidding. I would have bid 2D first and hope to get in to bid 3C. However, ignoring all I have said so far, I am left to bid 3C. If partner has to bid 3S I will pass and he bids 4D I will put him in 5D. Ugh. **JD**

I would have bid 2N instead of doubling. Now the best I can do is bid 3C and hope. **Ray**

For starters, I don't agree with the balancing double but over RHO 2H bid, I'll bid 3C's. Who knows, maybe my partner will find a 3D bid. Wouldn't that be wonderful! **Judy and Jean Lesieutre**

South's hand has no-trump HCP but without a heart stopper. North (partner, has less than 10 HCP because he didn't jump in spades. East has less than 6 HCP because he didn't respond to the opening bid of 1H. (he must have 3 -4 hearts for the delayed raise) I would be aggressive, 2NT gamble, 3C if doubled and double them if they bid 3Hearts. Partner should get the picture if you don't bid 2S. After all this is match points no one has game values and no one is vulnerable. **Trulee**

Double. I love low-level Doubles, partner might take it for a second takeout but if she has Hearts we get a top . **Larry**

With your example, presuming I had doubled, I'd be passing after RHO bids 2H - since I would NOT have doubled - the unusual NT looks like a good bid and then I would give a little boost in partner's minor to show a good valued hand. **Lyde**

Editor's Note: I took this problem from the ACBL Web Site. The nationwide results are shown at the right. Also, I didn't plan it this way but it is the first hand on page 32 of the recent December ACBL Bulletin—check out the pro's comments. Half agree with the double.

Awardable Bids

Bid	Votes	Pts	%
3C	366	50	58.0
Dbl	86	40	14.0
3D	14	20	2.0
Pass	79	10	13.0

RECENT CLUB WINNERS

Club Championships

E-Z Bridge Tuesday.....	Barbara Deasy-Julie Garvin
E-Z Bridge Saturday.....	Dolores and Steve Gunia
Oaks Wednesday .	Lani O’Day– Olivia Bigelow
Monterey Bridge Club.....	Lyde and Curt Hussey
Cypress Thursdays.....	JD Clinton-Lauren Upson
Wednesday Moose.....	Georgianne Tye-Carole Champion
Monday Duplicate Bridge Club.....	Nancy Boruki-Sarah Stern (A)
.....	Clare Riggs-Anne Bell (B)
Ord Tuesday Evening	Jerry Oehler-Tim Gillott
Pines Bridge Club	Betty Yager-Beth Oliver
Fair Play.....	Ewan Eby-Margaret Jackson

Club Appreciation

Ord Tuesday Evening	Alan Hedegard-George Masker
Monday Duplicate Bridge Club.....	Mits Tatsugawa-Ron Olson (A)
.....	Jo and Dick McCormick (B)
Wednesday Moose.....	Linda Johnston-Alex Henderson (A and B)
.....	Marsha Klassen-Tracy Piazza Leaton (C)
Pines Bridge Club	Cindy and Gary Kirk
Fair Play.....	Marianne Van Gelder-Marcie Phelps

Membership Games

Ord Tuesday Evening	Maja-Ron Coffee
Wednesday Moose.....	Mary Ellen McCormick-Van Gilles (A and B)
.....	Marsha Kraushaar-Joan Mack (C)
Fair Play.....	Marcia Beaumont-Barbara Babcock



CLUB STARS — Top MP gleaners for the last three months

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Moose	Alex H. and Linda J. 2.70	Janet D and Perry Miller 2.47	Mary Ellen McCormick 3.04
Pines	Marrienne Van G 3.48	Jean Cody and M. Jackson 2.75	Ted Holt 3.40
Fair Play	Margaret Jackson 2.50	Janet Dowd 2.10	Wally Thorpe 2.53
Monday DBC	Janet Dowd 2.74	Helen Rubin 2.40	Nancy Boruki 3.15

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