



The Lone Cypress

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District 21, Unit 530



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

In February the Unit offered a pro-am pairs game. This is a seemingly easy thing to do. But there is one person who did not get thanked in front of all of the participants (She was thanked in person). But I think Jill Leach deserves a huge amount of appreciation for all the telephoning, promoting, talking, and arranging partnerships that she did. She has annually been the guiding force behind the success of this event. I know of no other person who devotes that behind-the-scenes time to coordinate a seamless day at the bridge center with all of our friends. In a side note, it was very nice, and expected, that all the partnerships got along. If yours didn't, let me know and I'll wave my magic wand and get you a different partner next year (by the way, you have to play with a new partner the next year).

Thank you, Jill, your efforts do not go unnoticed. **Pat Thomas**



On Sunday March 30th, the Unit recognizes winners of the Ace of Clubs and the miniMcKinney awards for 2007. The Ace of Clubs includes only points won in Club games. The Mini-McKinney includes all points won including tournaments. Winners by starting category are listed below.

Ace of Clubs Winners

Mini-McKinney Winners

0-5	Tim Gillott	35.25	Tim Gillott	57.64
5-20	Peter Herrick	25.26	Peter Herrick	37.42
20-50	Gerald Oehler	50.41	Gerald Oehler	79.72
50-100	Lauren Upson	103.54	Lauren Upson	136.83
100-200	Anthony Brown	53.14	Anthony Brown	82.71
200-300	Ron Coffee	84.62	Ron Coffee	127.9
300-500	Elizabeth Nasr	51.47	Ronald Loiacono	107.5
500-1000	Perry Miller	67.33	Martha Hawley	152.78
1000-2500	Helen Rubin	98.88	Walter Thorpe	142.95
2500-5000	Janet Dowd	94.72	Betty Jackson	132.16

UNIT 530
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and Chairmen

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Financial Information

Some changes have occurred to improve the monitoring of finances for the Bridge Center accounts. The checking account for the Bridge Unit 530 has been transferred from Washington Mutual to First National Bank in Monterey. The audit of the Bridge Center was approved by the board at the February 24th meeting and distributed via the web-site. Rental fees are now based on a per player charge for use of the Bridge Center. Detailed reports are posted on the Bulletin Boards

Unit 530 Checking Account Balance as of 03/29/08	\$ 10,359.75
Unit 530 Seven Month Certificate of Deposit	29,189.00
Building Improvement Fund (contributions)	6,022.00
Bridge Center Building Operating Account Balance on 3/28/08	4,762.32

Total Cash On Hand **\$ 50,333.07**

Building Operations 12/1/07 thru 2/29/08 (since rent changes)

Income	\$6,234.25
Expenses	5,092.99
Net	1,141.26

Unit Game Winners!



Holiday Party December 9, 2007

Mary Kalinyak and Maria Alexander (Open Flt A, B, and C)

Dolores and Steve Gunia (199er Flt A)

Mary Block and Dean Freeman (199er Flt B)

Unit Barometer January 20, 2008

Jim and Joyce Martin (Flt A)

Freya and Stan Charney (Flt B)

Betty and Bill Prunty (Flt C)

Unit Pro/AM Pairs February 24, 2008

Betty Jackson and Bee Melendez (Flt A)

Sharon Larson and Marsha Kraushaar (Flt B)

Special Events Apr 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Unit One Session Stratified Team Game	21	22 Fair Play Club Champion- ship 12:30 ORD Club Char- ity 7:15 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 E-Z Bridge Club Champion- ship 9:30	30 Oaks NLM Club Champion- ship 11:00 also 7:00			



Bridge Center Celebrates Seven Years

On April 1st we will have been in the Bridge Center at Ft. Ord for seven eventful years. Most of us can remember how impressed we were with the generosity and accomplishment of our "Angel" - Brad Dow. However, we never dreamed that our wonderful building would still be functioning and providing so much enjoyment to so many users for so long. The original estimates were 2-3 years, maybe five at the outside. Now its seven and counting, with current projections for at least another 18 months. In that seven years our Unit has grown from 156 members to just in excess of 400. We have added four new games for beginners and non-Life Masters which service over 150 players per week and maintained fairly consistent table counts for the previously established games. Thanks again Brad for the Building and also Lyde and Jill for the teaching and promoting of this game we love so much!

WHAT DO YOU BID?

Playing Match Points, none vul. You open 1D, the opponents are passing, your partner bids 1H and you bid 1S. LHO passes, partner tries 1NT and RHO passes. It's your bid?

S A K 10 2
H A Q 4
D K J 6 5 4
C 3

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.

Special Events May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Cypress Club Championship</i>	2 <i>Oaks Club Championship</i>	3
4	5 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>	6 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>	7 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>	8 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>	9 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>	10 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>
11 <i>Western Conf STAC</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Lone Cypress Sectional</i>	16 <i>Lone Cypress Sectional</i>	17 <i>Lone Cypress Sectional</i>
18 <i>Lone Cypress Sectional</i>	19	20 <i>ORD Club Championship</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 3/01/08 - Membership 407
Ranks achieved through 3/01/08

Junior Master: Stephanie Booth, Carol Kahn, Barbara Quinn,

Club Master: Rayanna Bramblett, Leon Heller, Demie Williams, Majorie Cox, Linda Little. Marquette Primrose, Gale Weir

Sectional Master: Tim Gillott, Peter Herrick, Conrad Ege, Lois Genovese, Ruby Heinrichs, Curt Hussey, Joanne Ryan

Regional Master: Ellie Clarkson, Marhsa Klassen, Olivia Bigelow

NABC Master: Roene Nasr, Marcy Phelps

Life Master: Anne Bell

Bronze Life Master: Ron Lloiacono

Silver Life Master: Martha Hawley



Beth Oliver Makes GOLD LIFE MASTER

Beth 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 Beth!

Special Events June 2008

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



EASY BRIDGE

Thus far this year the high score in the Saturday Morning E-Z Bridge game is Barbara Sprenger and Barbara Stevenson with a 75.6% game. Our next Club Championship will be held Saturday May 3rd,

Anne Bell and Maja Maja are our newest Life Masters. Both went over the top at the Regional in January.

Congratulations Ladies!



Anne Bell

Maja's photo unavailable

Ongoing Lessons

Currently discussing the Convention Card and how to fill it out
Wednesdays
3:00-5:00



644-0202
Call Lyde for
Reservations Please

644-0202

Comments from Club Owners /Directors

On Tuesday afternoon at 12:30

the game at the Bridge Center has been changed

from "Speed Ball" to an Open Stratified.

Wally Thorpe is the Director. Snack food will be provided.

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 1 PM 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 Partner Required Wally Thorpe, Director 899-3145

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

3H. Rebidding Hearts shows my shape. I am a K better than a 2H bid. 3H shows my shape and strength.
Steve

4C splinter bid -- partner now knows my shape and count and can place the contract -- **Sarah**

I would bid 2 clubs, 4th suit forcing----rather than raise hearts at this time--**NancyB**

Partner shows 6-9 HCP We will bid 2 Club (4th suit forcing), NT is still a possible contract. If partner bids 2NT we will raise to 3NT. If partner respond 2 Diamond, we will bid 3 Hearts, partner knows we do not have 4 hearts. Partner will have the final decision. If on a minimum she can pass. **Jean & Judy**

My bid is 2 1/2 hearts. If things are going well, I'll bid 3, if not, then 2. Bidding hearts gives a very good picture of my hand. I like to play in suits when I have aces (no trump when I don't). The hand is very good, but my partner can look at his own hand and reevaluate after I describe mine. **Pat Thomas**

I think I'd bid 3Hearts forcing to 3NT or four hearts. Partner now knows my shape and can decide. **Ed**

3H. With 17 HCP want to invite to game. Partner will have a good idea of the shape. Can play a 4/3 fit. 2NT with a singleton is not wise. **Betty**

I would bid 3D although 2NT would also invite. There are many who say I'm promising a 6 card diamond suit, but I'd like to invite to 3NT if partner has C stopped and 8 or 9 points. **.Lyde**

A quiet 2H. My pard probably only has 4 but judicious playing might make this a makeable contract. An alternative might be 2D but that is only worth 90 and 2H might make 110. Ugh **jd**

My bid is 2 clubs asking if partner has 5 or more hearts. If not he should bid 2 diamonds with diamonds or 2 NT with clubs stopped. **Wally Thorpe**

I would probably bid 3 hearts. I believe my hand is strong enough and my partner knows I only have 3 hearts by the bidding process. If I had 1 more hcp, I would have jumped to 2 spades over partners 1 heart. **Mits**

I would bid 2H, playing either SA or 2/1 GF. This shows three hearts, extra values, and club shortness. **Ray**

3H, because of the heart support (only three) and 19 point hand in hearts with your stiff club, a delayed raise. (Let partner make the final choice with his hand. Pass, 3NT or 4H.) It is a partnership game and he should know you only have 3 hearts and only he knows the clubs in his hand. You need to invite game. Bid to help partner make the right choice. With your quick tricks, A K of spades, stiff C and A Q third of hearts, I prefer the heart jump, the shape looks right. But only partner knows his club holding after the mandatory major response. It could be a 3 NT contract. **Trulee**

Awardable Bids

Editor's Note: took this problem from the ACBL Web Site. The awardable bids assigned by the moderators are shown at the right

Bid	Votes	Pts	%
3H	24	100	28.0
2H	16	70	18.0
Pass	4	10	5.0
2NT	18	0	21.0
3NT	13	0	15.0
Other	12	0	14.0

RECENT CLUB WINNERS

Club Championships

E-Z Bridge Tuesday.....	Bill and Betty Prunty
E-Z Bridge Saturday.....	Flo Griva- Majorie Cox
Oaks Wednesday.....	Carol Kahn—Gary Loder
Monterey Bridge Club.....	Donna Howland- Majorie Knight
Cypress Thursdays.....	Richard Wasserton-Donald Seldeen
Wednesday Moose.....	Janet Dowd- Perry Miller (A)
.....	Lauren Upson-Vera Bergner (B)
.....	Rayanna Bramlet-Beth Conley (C)
Monday Duplicate Bridge Club.....	Phyllis Sokol-Wally Thorpe (A)
.....	Ona Labbe- Sue Finley (B)
Ord Tuesday Evening.....	Ron Loiacono- Lenord Chriss
Pines Bridge Club.....	Shirley Temple—Ted Holt
Fair Play.....	Judy Lesieutre- Jill Leach
Sunday Bay View.....	Sarah Stern- Wally Thorpe



CLUB STARS — Top MP gleaners for the last three months

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Moose	Sue Finley 1.70	Jean Goudzward 2.43	Lauren Upson 2.52
Pines		Ron Loiacono 1.65	Ted Holt 5.46
Monday DBC	Betty and Jill 3.40	Wally and Ron Olson 1.90	Betty and Jill 3.46

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