

# Albuquerque Bridge Player

*Unit 374's Quarterly Newsletter*

## President's Column

Another year, another Navajo Trail Regional – but not just any regional – in 2011 we had 2026 tables at our largest regional since 1979 and that doesn't count the 68 tables in the North American Pairs. This turned out to be the second largest regional ever in Albuquerque.

By the end of tournament more than one thousand players (1019 to be exact) had won more than 12,000 masterpoints. About half of the players came from New Mexico and one quarter came from Colorado. Arizona and Texas were the next biggest contributors with about 10% and 5%, respectively. The average player played 8 sessions. Colorado players averaged 10 sessions each.

The record for play this year is held by Glynnie Franchini and Jackie Bradley, Albuquerque, who each played 18 sessions – that's every session, every day. Thanks, Glynnie and Jackie. We appreciate your support and loyalty. We also can't thank enough the Unit 374 players and the rest of the New Mexicans who support this tournament.

Once again we had hospitality, Felix Moore caddies (and of course the who enjoyed finding 'profit' of more than



outstanding efforts put forth by Susy Law who handled who produced the Daily Bulletin, Jill Burtram who herded the caddies themselves performed extremely well), Rick Weigle partners for other players, and Jerry Shinkle who banked our \$18,000.

I think that the reason our tournament is popular is that it has an identity created by the overall friendliness of all our Unit 374 members and the Marriott employees who act as hosts. Our hospitality, high quality Daily Bulletin, excellent director staff, caddies, ... make our tournament memorable and FUN for players.

We recognize that our success leads to some small problems – such as bursting at the seams - and we are working to correct this problem for next year as well as a few other minor problems that always come up.

Once again the Unit is planning to reinvest some of the gains from the Unit tournaments. Felix Moore and Jeff Brown are beginning to plan for the fifth(!) annual summer bridge weekend with a guest lecturer to be determined.

We are still trying to gather historical information about the Unit and bridge clubs within the Unit to post on the large bulletin board at DCBC. This project began with photos of Unit members and was expanded to include photos from scrapbooks and newspaper clippings. We have had a sample of this on display at DCBC. We would like to expand this to include more historical pictures. If you have any information that you would like to see included, please contact me. (email: kwjdr@msn.com, Phone:268-5922).

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The 2011 Unit directories are out and we have started to work on corrections already. You can pick your directory up at DCBC and email me your corrections at the same address above.

-*Bill Kass*

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#### PERPETUAL AWARD AND ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY AWARDS

During the month of March, nominating forms for the Beyond the Call of Duty awards will be available at the Duke City Bridge Club (the table in front of the glass partition). Last year, very few people filled out forms, then wondered why certain people had not been selected. Obviously we cannot select people if they are not nominated. Your entry doesn't have to be wordy or beautifully composed. Just write the name of the person you'd like to nominate and briefly explain why you think they deserve the award. Remember the following guideline:

The Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award is given to a person who deserves recognition for their short/medium term contribution to the unit's goal of providing superior educational services, distinctive charitable activities, and a pleasant atmosphere in which to enjoy the game of duplicate bridge.

Last year, some people nominated people who had already received the awards. Please check the awards board at the Duke City Bridge Club (the Bulletin Board on the NW wall of the South Room) before submitting your nomination.

This year, selection of the person to receive the Perpetual Service Award will be delegated to a committee of people who have been members of the club for many years. In the past, it has been difficult to conduct this contest because so few of our present members are familiar with the contributions made by old-timers, and the award must go to someone who has donated at least 20 years of his/her time to the administration and benefit of duplicate bridge in Albuquerque.

Selection of the awardees will be determined by the number of nominations received for each person. Awardees will be announced at the Awards Game in April. Deadline for submittal of nominations is April 5, 2011.

-*Susy Larw*

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 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT DCBC
**2011 Bridge Camp**

We are resurrecting the children's Summer Bridge Camp for the Summer of 2011 and plan on re-introducing bridge in some of the local schools. In the past, the Summer Bridge Camp has been well attended. The main attendees were the children and grandchildren of our club's current members and we would expect that this will be the primary source of this year's attendees as well. So, for all of you parents and grandparents with kids who like cards, math or logic puzzles or just enjoy having a good time with kids their own age Summer Bridge Camp is the place to be this year!

We anticipate that the Camp will be held on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00 since there is no competing sanctioned game during those times. We also plan on running it for a six week period of time starting at the end of June or the beginning of July so that it will be concluded by the time school starts. Refreshments will be provided during mid-lesson breaks. We have experienced teachers who are excited not only about the game of bridge, but about teaching it to the younger folk. If you know kids who might be interested in learning a fascinating game that will give them a life-time of enjoyment, please make sure they know about this camp and have them contact Felix Moore so that we can get a head count and plan accordingly!

Various people have taught in the school systems before and we have found that for the highest chance of success there needs to be a teacher at the school who will participate and keep the kids motivated. We are currently thinking of selecting two schools (one middle school and one high school) to start things off in the fall. If anyone knows a teacher who is enthusiastic about bridge please see if you can get their name and phone number to me as soon as possible.

*-Jeff Brown*

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**Three-Series Bridge Class To Be Taught By Deborah Reichman and Jill Burtram**

The format for this class is prepared boards utilizing the topics and outlines presented in past classes: forcing and non-forcing bids, hand evaluation, balancing, cue bidding, and defense will be highlighted. Supervised groups of 10 will participate while four of the group bid and play a board. Group discussion will follow each board and everyone will get a turn to play.

Class size is limited to the first 20 people who sign up via e-mail or phone to: dlreich@wildblue.net or 867-4209

The cost is \$15.00 (nonrefundable) and payable at the first class. The money will go to Unit 374 for supplies and/or hospitality expenses.

Time: 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Sunday

Dates: April 17, April 24, and May 8

*-Jill Burtram*

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**More Information on Education**

Pat Plummer and Keesha Ashanti are teaching three tables of VERY beginners on Sunday afternoons. The class will continue with supervised play beyond its scheduled ending in mid March. These folks, and those in other classes are welcomed and encouraged to join this group. Thanks to all the teachers and to Felix Moore who lend a great deal of support to beginning bridge players.

*-Kathleen Church*

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**REPORT FROM THE DCBC PROPERTY MANAGER****Fender-Benders**

There have been several accidents in the parking lot when the driver of a vehicle hits another unoccupied parked vehicle and doesn't leave a note acknowledging who caused the damage. Please don't exit your vehicle, look at the damage, decide that it is minor, and drive away. The significance of the damage and whether a repair is necessary must be reserved for the owner of the vehicle that was damaged. Please remember that your insurance company will pay for the repair of the vehicle that you hit, and rarely will your premium increase as a result. If the owner of the damaged vehicle has to file a claim with their insurance company, it will cost them the amount of their "deductible" which could be \$100.00 to \$500.00 for an accident that they didn't cause, which is unfair. Please do the right thing and leave a note.

**Maintenance and Repair**

In January under the direction of Jay Armstrong, Housekeeping Chair, the carpeting was cleaned. In addition, all of the chairs (there are approximately 250) were closely inspected. Those that were dirty or stained (approximately 125) were steam cleaned, and they look like new again. It was also discovered that two chairs had damaged upholstery. One seat cushion/backrest was reupholstered by Moses Esquibel, who did a beautiful job. We had honestly thought that there was more work for him when he was first approached, but he did the job even though it turned out there were only two pieces that needed repair. In return, he was promised that we would publicize his services. Pat Kelly has already had him reupholster her dining room chairs, and if there is anybody else who needs his services, give him a call at 489-1143. His fee is very reasonable.

A fourth security camera was installed on the roof. Thanks to Jim Hull for sharing his electronic expertise.

Two new bulletin boards were installed in the kitchen and North room.

The electric pencil sharpeners in both rooms have been replaced.

In December, a freak rainstorm and the resulting water seepage into the building reminded us that our roof has season-related leaks. In the Fall, when the temperature starts to get colder and contraction on the roof occurs, the joint between the horizontal surface (this is still in excellent shape) and the inside of the parapet is likely to open up, and it did. The Alvarado Roofing Company repaired the roof, and from now on they will be contacted in the late Fall to inspect the roof, which is a free service.

The Mosher Electric Company, who rewired the club during the renovation in 2005, replaced a bad ballast on one of the florescent light fixtures in the ceiling. While in the building, they installed some missing face plates on several electrical outlets, and a new electric outlet behind the flat screen monitor for the security cameras.

A bearing on one of the AC/furnaces failed and was replaced.

**Many thanks to the following Good Samaritans**

Jay Armstrong, for fixing a stuck water valve on one of the urinals, avoiding the expense of a plumber.

Ben Franz, a new board member, for repairing several toilets that had come loose from their attachment to the floor.

Gage Eichhorn, who needed some "Community Service" hours, for removing a lot of trash and debris from our property.

The MTS Seating Company, who manufactured the chairs that we own, for giving us some replacement glides (the component at the bottom of the chair leg that contacts the floor) to service the chairs.

The Coca Cola Company, who owns and services our soft drink vending machine, has promised to offer more variety including Fresca, which several members have requested.

And finally, please note that several months ago it was announced that bills in excess of \$20.00 would not be accepted. That is incorrect; larger denomination bills will be accepted.

*-Russ Edwards*

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#### PENALTIES FOR ESTABLISHED REVOKES

Because the law recently changed regarding rectification of established revokes, there has been some confusion. Following is a brief explanation of the law (other infrequent circumstances can be found in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2008):

A revoke becomes established after either player of the offending pair plays to the next trick. A failure to follow suit on the 12th trick is not a revoke and should be corrected.

If the revoker wins the revoking trick, but no more tricks are won, 1 trick is awarded the opposing pair.

If the revoker wins the revoking trick and his side wins any trick thereafter, 2 tricks are awarded the opposing pair.

If the revoker does not win the revoking trick and

No more tricks are won by the offending side – no tricks are awarded to the opposing pair.

A subsequent trick is won by the offending side – 1 trick is awarded to the opposing pair.

The Director may restore equity if the result after rectification is not commensurate with what the result would have been without the revoke.

The ACBL and your directors want to stress that game rulings are made only to restore equity after an infraction, NOT to punish. Almost everyone regrets revoking. Accept your director's ruling quietly – either for or against your side - and move on to the next hand.

## Newer Players Page

### I WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME, PART 5

#### The Results Report

When a duplicate bridge game has concluded, the director prints out the results, and posts them. In novice games, these printouts are pinned to the bulletin board on the north wall. For games in the main room, they are posted on the east wall closest to where you played. They contain all of the important information about the game. They are also posted on the internet at [www.abqbridge.com/dukecity](http://www.abqbridge.com/dukecity).

To understand the explanations which follow, 99r's and 199r's should go to the website, click on the novice button on the left, and click on a date from the calendar near the top to open a results file. If you do not have internet access, you will have to study a printout posted on the wall at the club.

At the top of the page is the general information about the game. The four important categories are RATING, AVE, TOP and MP LIMITS. RATING is the type of game; a regular club game is rated "Club Masterpoint", and games which pay out extra masterpoints are either "Club Championship" or "Charity Club Championships". Special games are scheduled in advance by the club's game coordinator. AVE refers to the number of matchpoints for an average score. TOP is the maximum number of matchpoints that can be scored on one board. MP LIMITS indicates the stratifications for the game. (For more information on stratification, see my columns in the July and October newsletters.) For example, stratifications in a Thursday afternoon novice game might be 200/100/50, which means if you have less than 50 masterpoints, you are in the C strat; 50-100 in the B strat, and 100-199 in the A strat. Remember, stratifications change for each game, so the example given is just an example.

Below the header section are the results for every pair. Shown are the pair number, the names of the players, the strat of the pair (Flt, short for flight), the ranking of the pair (1,2,3, etc) in each eligible strat, the score (in matchpoints), the percentage of the total matchpoints possible (Pct), and the masterpoints awarded (Awards).

The number of masterpoints awarded is based on a complicated scale, and depends on the type of game and the number of players. More masterpoints are awarded in championship games than in regular club games. More masterpoints are awarded when playing in an open game with the "big guns" than in a novice game.

For "Club Masterpoint" games, there will be three columns of rankings under the title Section. The numbers under these rankings (Rnk) indicate how you placed relative to other players who sat in the same direction. As an example, if your ranking was Rnk-A=4, Rnk-B=2, and Rnk-C=1, it means you were first when compared to C players, second when compared to B and C players, and fourth when compared to everyone. As mentioned in a previous column, if you are in Strat A (Flt A), you cannot place in Rnk-B or Rnk-C, only Rnk-A. The computer then determines which of your rankings pays the most masterpoints, and reports that number under "Final Awards". In the "Awards" column will be a letter in parentheses, which indicates in which ranking the computer decided to pay out your masterpoints.

For "Championship" games, an additional three columns are added under the column "Overall". This indicates your placement relative to ALL the players in the game sitting in both directions. Your "Section" rank may be different from your "Overall" rank since these comparisons are derived using a larger number of players. In the awards column, the masterpoint award will be followed by two letters in parentheses, indicating whether the payout was for the section (S) or overall (O). For example, if the computer determines the maximum payout is for overall second in the B strat, the letters in parentheses will be (OB).

Below this section is a list of every result on each board. Each line is a different board. Each column is a different pair. If you were pair 3 and wanted to check your score on board 2, you would check the score on the second row down, in the third column.



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Two numbers are listed; the top number is the number of matchpoints awarded for that board, and the bottom number is the score for that board.

**Pair Summaries**

The director will print a pair summary for you upon request. There is usually a signup sheet on the director's desk where you may request this summary. If you change your mind and decide to leave the club before the summary is printed, please scratch your pair number from this list. To request a summary, just jot your pair number on the sheet, under the proper column (N/S for north/south, E/W for east/west). Circle the number if you wish two copies. If there is no sign-up sheet, simply ask the director after the game is over for your summary.

The Pair Summary has only the information for your pair. The top section contains the same information as the game results, such as "Average" and "Top on a Board". Below this are your results for each board. The columns are BRD (board number), DLR (who dealt), VUL (who is vulnerable), RESULT, and SCORE (the number of matchpoints awarded for that board).

Checking the RESULT column after the game assures that all of the results were entered correctly. When using the Bridgemates, simple errors are frequently made (and approved). If there is a scoring error, the director will manually change the results, if verification can be made with the opponents. Please inform the director as soon as possible, since verification is unlikely if the opponents have discarded their score sheets.

If you wish to improve your game, the SCORE column is most important. If your score for a board was 0, it is likely that your partnership made some kind of error in the bidding or the play of the hand. A "postmortem" is a colloquial term for the post-game discussion of mistakes that were made. During a post-mortem with your partner, be kind and impartial. It is likely that your partner knows the mistakes he made. Also, acknowledge your own mistakes!

Below these columns of results is your SESSION SCORE (total matchpoints), your PERCENT, and your rank. Below that is MASTER POINTS awarded

to your pair. If you didn't earn masterpoints, this area will be blank. I hope this will be helpful to you in reviewing your results.

-Bob Zipp

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HOW TO GUARANTEE AN AVERAGE MINUS AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

1. During the auction, discuss your bids.
2. Make faces at partner's bids and plays.
3. Chatter and remark on the action taken during the play.

Loose lips do more than sink ships! Don't discuss bridge hands while they're being bid and played. It very frequently reveals information you don't want your opponents to know, and it is rude and disconcerting to other players, who are trying to concentrate. Remember, bridge proprieties forbid conversation about hands that can be overheard by others. If you must talk, stick to the weather.

-Bill Koehler

## Odds & Ends

### NEW STARTING TIMES FOR TUESDAY EVENING GAME

Effective February 22, 2011, the Tuesday evening game will continue to start at 6:30. But those who wish to start later (7:00 PM at the latest) will have the option of calling before 6:30 so that the game can be set up for the correct number of tables without changing the movement. Those starting later will finish the game after those who start early. But you must call before 6:30 if you want to start after 6:30 and before 7:00. Hopefully, this will accommodate everyone who likes to play on Tuesday nights.

*-Bill Koehler*

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### SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

- Have a favorite bridge snack?
- Need to try out a new recipe?
- Have an urge to bake/buy a goodie and don't want to admit you "ate the whole thing"?

Call Susan Zimmerman at 332-8502 to donate snacks or to volunteer hospitality services for any Sunday game.

P.S. All surprises welcome!!!

### GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

The District 17 finals for the Grand National Teams will be held during the final weekend of the Denver Regional in May. We have held many qualifying events in the past months but if you still need to qualify, our final qualifying event will be on Sunday, 24th April. If your team has qualified and you wish to play in the district finals, please let us know. Unit 374 will reimburse your entry fees after your participation in Denver.

### NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

Qualification events for this event will take place during June, July and August and the District 17 Finals will be held during the Phoenix Regional in October.

For more information on both the above events please contact Felix Moore at 344-5209 or [f.moore@netscape.com](mailto:f.moore@netscape.com)

## Changes in Unit 374 Membership

### RANK PROMOTIONS

#### **New Junior Masters**

Mark S Elliott  
Carmelita C Pruett  
Mrs Maris D Shepherd  
Bettye B Stephens

#### **New Club Masters**

Michael J Hannah  
Jean H Hodgkin  
Dr Nissim Kanekar  
Elaine M Rosandich  
Pat G Zich

#### **New Sectional Masters**

Lois H Bankhurst  
Dr James Fisk  
Grazina L Klein  
Tex Ritterbush  
Patsy A Waltemath

#### **New Regional Masters**

James K Linn  
Margaret G Mobberley  
Dr Robert B Packer  
Hilda L Ripley

#### **New NABC Masters**

Panola J Lise  
Clement Koogler  
Karel J Toohey  
Maxine L Upchurch

#### **New Life Masters**

Josephine J Atkins  
Jeanne Davidson  
Jan Evans  
Julianne L Glinski  
Marilyn Rost

#### **New Bronze Life Masters**

Josephine J Atkins  
Jan Evans

#### **New Silver Life Masters**

Jeanne Davidson

#### **New Gold Life Masters**

Thomas R Williams

#### **New Emerald Life Masters**

Merlene Krall

#### NEW MEMBERS

Virginia R Clark  
Jon S Fink  
Marybeth Miller  
Cynthia C Schneeberger  
Lois A Seibel  
Georgia F Smith

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### UPCOMING UNIT GAMES SCHEDULE

Sunday games at 1:30p are  
hosted by Unit 374.

#### April

3<sup>rd</sup>: Charity Club Champ.  
10<sup>th</sup>: Charity Club Champ.  
17<sup>th</sup>: AWARDS DAY;  
Pairs Champ.  
24<sup>rd</sup>: GNT Qualifier (Teams)

#### May

1<sup>st</sup>: Pairs Championship  
8<sup>th</sup>: Great Western STaC Pairs  
(Silver Points)  
15<sup>th</sup>: ACBL Junior Fund Pairs  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Swiss Teams Champ.  
29<sup>th</sup>: Charity Pairs

#### June

5<sup>th</sup>: NAP Qualifier  
12<sup>th</sup>: Swiss Team Champ.  
19<sup>th</sup>: ABQ Sectional, 17-19 June  
26<sup>th</sup>: NAP Qualifier

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