

# Albuquerque Bridge Player

*Unit 374's Quarterly Newsletter*

## President's Column

It is time for Unit 374 to wrap up the year 2014. I want to welcome Craig Kippels as a newly elected board member and thank Mal Wilhelmi who retired at the end of her term for her service. Incumbents who were re-elected were Mark Brownstein, Felicity Moore, Kat Tiano, and Jerry Wellman. I would also like to thank Mary Jo Scrivner and Judith MacQuigg for agreeing to run. We were happy to have a strong group of candidates for these five board positions.

It is worth noting that we had three mid-year changes of board members when Jerry Shinkle, Jill Burtram and Pam Himes all resigned for personal reasons. I would like to thank them, as well, for their service. Jerry served as treasurer for twelve years and our finances have never been in better shape. Jill served for a total of ten years, some of that as vice-president, and all of it as an active tournament partnership chair or caddie chair. Pam's tenure was much shorter, but her experience from serving on another unit bridge board was useful and I appreciated her calm demeanor. They were replaced by Mark Brownstein, Kat Tiano and Jerry Wellman.

Traditionally, we hold the election of board officers for the next year at the end of our December board meeting. All the 2014 officers were re-elected: Bill Kass, President; Bob Zipp, Vice-president; Susy Law, Secretary; and Frank Fine, Treasurer. The 2015 board takes effect on January 1.

I would like to thank Karin Kelsey for her service for the past thirteen years as our unit representative to the District 17 Board of Directors. The D17 board governs regional tournaments in the Rocky Mountain

area and has functioned well with Karin as a valuable member and also Elections Secretary. Frank Fine was elected at our November board meeting as the new representative. Although the unit board elects the D17 representative, this position is open to any member of the unit, not just current unit board members.

I was saddened to learn that Sherry Bradley passed away recently. Sherry was an active member of the unit for many years. She served on the unit board in the late seventies (when she was Sherry ReVeal) and she was also a certified director. Her love was the

Toys for Tots Project, which she headed for many years. She worked tirelessly to create a cookbook from which she used the profits to fund Toys for Tots. She was cheerful and almost always had a kind word for somebody at the table.

As well as supporting Toys for Tots as a unit charity, we made charitable contributions to a half dozen local charities totaling about \$4000. Mal Wilhelmi was our very responsible charity chairperson.

The writing of this column immediately follows the Unit Holiday Party, which had 100 people playing bridge and about 120 people eating dinner. The

number of diners was a 21st century record for our unit. Karel Toohey organized this very successful event with the help of a hoard of volunteers. Thanks to all of you.

I am sure you noticed the large monitor in the south room that is now actively carrying frequently updated

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announcements and information. We have also recently added a similar monitor in the north room with the same information. All this through the hard work of Frank Fine. The unit website (www.abqbridge.com) also carries a link to the same information (click the tab labeled "Bulletin Board" on the home page), thanks to Jerry Wellman, who has taken an active role in keeping the website up-to-date. Mark Brownstein and Jerry, in cooperation with DCBC, have successfully created a mentoring program which currently has about forty mentors and forty mentees (if that is a word). This program is part of our commitment to bridge education.

There are about 600 members in the unit, and keeping track of them is Kat Tiano's job as our membership chairperson. She has actively embraced this activity and can actually balance our books against the ACBLs when members join or leave the unit. She, Felix Moore and I are creating the new membership directory, which should be published before the January regional.

Speaking of the January regional- we are back to our usual week - January 19-25 at the Marriott Pyramid and we're in the midst of getting ready. We need caddies - so if you know someone who can caddy, especially during the day, contact me. The tournament is just around the corner and we hope to see all of you there.

-Bill Kass

**Buddha Says**

Occasionally a player asks me what she needs to do to become an "A" player. The answer is a little complicated, but it starts with the ability to count. All good players count everything - points, distribution, tricks, and even the opponent's nose hairs. Not only do you need to count, but then you have to process that information. You also need to learn a bidding system that you and your partners feel comfortable with, that covers most distributions, and defines most possible auctions. It takes about five years of continuous play (about 500 sessions) for most players to move past journeyman status. The good players don't rest on their laurels, they

continuously try to improve their game. One way to do this is to read about bridge.

Several people that I mentor have recently urged me to read two new books on opening leads by David Bird and Taf Anthias, "Winning Notrump Leads" and "Winning Suit Contract Leads". These books deal you a hand, tell you an auction, and have you pick a lead. The authors use a computer program to create 5000 hands that meet the opponents bidding and then determine how many tricks your side would win on average with each lead.

Here is an example hand. You hold:

**S** J86 **H** 95 **D** KQ72 **C** KJ72

The auction goes 1NT - 3NT, and you are on lead.

First thoughts: When the auction goes 1NT - 3NT declarer's side average 5.82 cards in each major, while the defenders hold 7.18 cards - a large major suit bias. Also leading from an honor combination often costs a trick especially with a four card suit. Over the years, I've become very passive in picking my opening leads. Obviously there are times you need to attack, but I feel vindicated that the books tend to back me up. Fourth best from your longest and strongest is often not best. So perhaps on this hand a spade lead is called for. This is what the computer reports:

	Beats contract (IMPS)	Average tricks (Matchpoints)
S6	21.3%	3.43
H9	20.6%	3.41
DK	13.2%	3.16
D2	14.1%	3.16
C2	15.7%	3.25

So it is about 7% better to lead a major than a minor on this hand.

There is an enormous amount of unbiased information in these books and they warrant your buying and studying them. I suggest you limit yourself to 2 or 3 hands a day, to really master the material.

-Joe Harris

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Spring 2015 Course Offerings

It is well established that the number of bridge hands that may be dealt to an opener is 635,013,559,600. Although the DCBC Education Committee would like to offer classes to cover all of these possibilities, we humbly present a few and thank you for your support!

This Spring, 2015, Cliff Hill is teaching an exciting course on the "Slam Zone" for Advanced and Advanced Intermediate students. When do you go on and when do you put on the brakes? Bob Zipp will continue his class on defense using the same book, *Defense in the 21st Century* by Eddie Kantar, which was used in the fall. Returning and new students are most welcome! Susan Zimmerman will teach the ACBL curriculum class on defense, for beginning students. John Keck is our teacher for the Absolute Beginner ACBL course, "Bidding in the 21st Century." Please refer to the insert in this newsletter, fliers posted at the DCBC, or the website for specific details regarding classes for Spring 2015.

"Supervised Play with Felix Moore" begins at the end of November and continues through the end of February, with the exception of Saturday, January 24, 2015, which is when the Navajo Trail Regional Tournament is held.

Susan Zimmerman will also offer "Supervised Play for Beginners" on Wednesday evenings starting on December 3, 2014. These free sessions are held at the club from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

The DCBC Education Committee meets several times a year to organize and plan classes and curriculum. Thanks to these hard-working, enthusiastic, and supportive members: Cliff Hill, Athena Kelly, Pat Newman, Patricia Plummer, Alan Pope, Susan Zimmerman, and Bob Zipp.

As I "pass the baton" of the DCBC Education Chair to a new board member, I thank all of you 635,013,559,600 times for your encouragement and good will!

*-Ellen Brabson, Chair, Education Committee*

## DCBC PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is the last column I will write as president of your club. I have had the good fortune to preside over a board composed of wonderful, hardworking people. Charleen Bishop, Ellen Brabson, Lynn Hinrichs, Alan Pope, Karen Soutar (who replaced Jerry Himes after his resignation), Katherine Tyner, Patsy Waltemath, Rick Weigle, and Susan Zimmerman have all worked smoothly together for the benefit of the club. The good that has been accomplished this year is largely due to their diligent efforts. For those of you who may have missed the membership meeting in December, I want to review some of the important things the Board of Directors has done for you this year.

The most important challenge we faced was a financial crunch that appeared in May. We had a severe cash flow problem and were in danger of not being able to pay our monthly bills. This was the culmination of a deficit budget that had been incurred for several years. Following the advice of the board of Trustees (Larry Bertholf, Margaret Brosnan, Jeff Brown, and Mary Erickson) we cut back on expenditures wherever possible. The two largest areas of discretionary spending are the hospitality food budget, and the charity contributions. We cut those categories to zero, saving about \$2,000 every month. We also have been making a concerted effort, largely through the education committee, to maintain current membership and to bring in new members in order to increase our table fees, our largest source of income. Maintaining our table count is critical to the financial stability of the club.

We finished 2014 with essentially the same table count we had for 2013, indicating that the club membership and participation has remained steady. The result of these austerity measures is that in 2014, the club operated in the black for the first time in four years. With that good news, the board voted to reinstate the charity games on a limited basis, beginning in December of 2014.

While the austerity measures stabilized the financial health of the club, the crunch showed us that we needed to get a better grip on our financial operations. Toward that end, we instituted specific budgets for each committee. Most of the discretionary spending is channeled through the

various committees of the board. By making each committee chairperson responsible for a small segment of the budget, fiscal responsibility is shared by the entire board. We also instituted a different way of reporting the budget at our monthly meetings, a method that makes it much easier to see where and by how much deviations from the budget are occurring. These changes have worked extremely well this year.

The board also passed a comprehensive budget for 2015 and a five-year-plan. The budget (posted on the bulletin board) anticipates that the club will run a profit of about \$22,000 in 2015. The importance of that profit can be seen in the 5-year-plan (also posted on the bulletin board). Over the next five years we have projected that the club will make a profit of \$100,000, but over the same time period we have also estimated extraordinary expenses of about \$123,600, for debt elimination, charity games, and special maintenance costs. Although we will run deficits for some of those years, the profits that we anticipate will allow us to forge a responsible fiscal path to meet the maintenance and other obligations we will face. It should also be noted that this plan anticipates that after five years, the club will 1) be out of debt, 2) have a new, badly needed roof, 3) have new heating and air conditioning units, 4) have maintained a modest charity program, and 5) have maintained the current \$5 level of table fees.

Looking ahead for five years is only a best guess. Our plan assumes that our table fee income will remain constant, and that we will not be forced to make some of these large investments in our infrastructure sooner than anticipated. As unexpected problems arise, future boards will have to make adjustments to this plan. But it is a plan, a plan that can serve as a guide post into the future.

-R. Kingsley

#### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

I was sitting next to a table in the Friday night Swiss Teams at the November 2014 Sectional. At this table was a pair of relatively new players to duplicate. Across from them were Joe and Cindy Harris. After identifying themselves to Cindy, they asked who they were playing against. As Joe and Cindy identified themselves, one of them asked, "Are you *the* Joe Harris"?

After Joe modestly replied to the question, I could restrain myself no longer. I ran over to the table and asked Joe for his autograph. I have laughed at this several times since it occurred. If you think about it, this is very deserving praise for Joe. He and Cindy are always friendly and helpful to players of all levels and truly great representatives of our club that has many great examples, though none as famous as Joe.

-Mike Vermilion

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**Duke City Bridge Club (DCBC) Classes  
Spring 2015**

Absolute Beginners

Course: Bidding in the 21st Century

Description: This class will cover the basic concepts of bridge, including hand evaluation, bidding (no trump, major and minor suit openings, and responses), trick-taking, and scoring.

Teacher: John Keck

Text: ACBL Book Series: Bidding in the 21st Century

Dates and Times: Saturday Mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

9-weeks starting on Saturday, March 7, 2015

Location: Duke City Bridge Club

Class Fee: \$40.00 for book and class

\$25.00 for class only. \$15.00 for book only.

Advanced Beginners

Course: Defense in the 21st Century

Description: Topics will include opening leads, second and third-hand plays, defensive signals, developing defensive tricks, interfering with declarer, and making a plan.

Teacher: Susan Zimmerman

Text: ACBL Book Series: Defense in the 21st Century

Dates and Times: Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

9-weeks starting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Location: Duke City Bridge Club

Class Fee: \$40.00 for book and class

\$25.00 for class only. \$15.00 for book only.

Intermediate Class

Course: Defense for Intermediate Players (Continuation of the Fall 2014 class)

Description: This course is a follow-up to the third (Heart) course in our Advanced Beginner lessons, and covers the topic of defense in much greater detail. Concepts cover leads, signaling, and defensive handplay. Since defending contracts is half of the game of bridge, you will improve your game by applying these advanced defensive techniques.

Teacher: Bob Zipp

Text: Edwin Kantar, Modern Bridge Defense

Dates and Times: Saturday Mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

8-weeks starting on Saturday, March 7, 2015

Location: Duke City Bridge Club

Class Fee: \$50.00 for book and class

\$25.00 for class only. \$25.00 for book only.

Advanced Class

Course: “Slam Zone”

Description: This class examines the “big hands” and how to evaluate them. When do you go on and when do you put on the brakes?

Teacher: Cliff Hill

Text: Class Handouts

Dates and Times: Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

8-weeks starting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Location: Duke City Bridge Club

Class Fee: \$40.00

RULES OF THE GAME

I have been asked to write about the following subjects:

- (1) Telling partner that he/she has a trick turned incorrectly well after the time that this is allowed,
- (2) Describing what the dummy can do (like pointing to cards to be played—suggesting a line of play),
- (3) Using the STOP card, and
- (4) Explaining announcements and delayed alerts.

**(1) Telling partner that a trick is turned incorrectly (Law 65 B. 3 applies) :**

Declarer may require that a card pointed incorrectly be pointed correctly. Dummy or either defender may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly, but for these players the right expires when a lead is made to the following trick.

**(2) Dummy pointing to a card or indicating a line of play (Law 45 F applies) :**

After dummy's hand is faced, dummy may not touch or indicate any card, except for purpose of arrangement, without instruction from declarer. If he does so, the director should be summoned forthwith and informed of the action. Play continues. At the end of the play the director shall award an adjusted score if he considers dummy suggested a play to declarer and the defenders were damaged by the play suggested.

**(3) Using the stop card (Codification Chapter 12 A applies) :**

Players should protect their rights and the opponent's by placing the stop card on the table, prior to making any subsequent bid that skips one or more levels of bidding. It should be placed so that LHO sees it (the skip bidder is responsible for gaining LHO's attention). The skip bid is made. The stop card is replaced in the bidding box. NOTE: If a player forgets to replace the stop card there is no penalty. It is each player's responsibility to maintain appropriate tempo including after a skip bid. Also note that the stop card should be used (or not) consistently. Further, whether the opponents use a stop card or not, you should pause about 10 seconds (not appreciably more or less) after the skip bid before bidding.

**(4) Announcements and delayed alerts (Alert Pamphlet applies) :**

In the first round of bidding, all alertable bids should be alerted. After the end of the auction the declarer should announce any failures to alert and any bids above 3N that would otherwise have been alerted (Delayed Alerts). For example, if you are using any ace-asking method other than Blackwood 4NT over suits or Gerber 4C over NT, the declarer should make a Delayed Alert by announcing it before the opening lead is made. If you are on DEFENSE and a conventional bid by you or your partner (below the level of 3NT) was not alerted, you should not announce it until the play of the hand is over. (Announcing it might inappropriately alert your partner.) However, if the defending side made a conventional bid above the level of 3NT it should be alerted after the opening lead has been made but before it is faced. As with normal alerts, the partner of the person making the alertable call is the person who makes the Delayed Alert and explains the agreement.

"These DELAYED ALERTS are REQUIRED to be made by the DECLARING side before the opening lead. The DEFENDERS are REQUIRED to Alert declarer AFTER the OPENING LEAD but BEFORE declarer makes a play from dummy (Alerting before the lead is turned face-up and the dummy is spread is best)."

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The following on-line references apply:

Laws—<http://www.acbl.org/acbl-content/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Laws-of-Duplicate-Bridge.pdf>

Codification of Laws—<http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/administration/acbl-codification/>

Alert Pamphlet—<http://www.acbl.org/acbl-content/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/AlertPamphlet.pdf>

*-Larry Bertholf*

TIPS ON DEFENSIVE PLAY OF THE CARDS

**How to Play Touching Honors When You Are Defending**

“Touching honors” means two or more cards in the same suit that “touch,” such as these sequences:

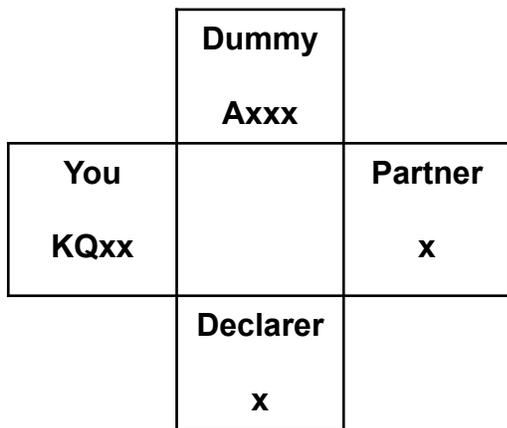
- Hearts: KQ
- Spades: J109
- Clubs: QJ

Now, in the past, when you are leading a suit, you’ve learned to play the top of touching honors. However, in defending, you REVERSE this practice, and always play the lower, or lowest of touching honors when playing to a trick (not leading).

REMEMBER, this only applies when you are DEFENDING .

The reason you do this is to help your partner determine who holds the missing honors in each suit. This is a habit that all good bridge players learn to develop. So much so that they do it instinctively, without a second thought.

Your partner leads a low card in the suit and declarer plays low:



You want to play the cheapest card you have to force the ace in dummy, the Queen.

If you play the queen, your partner may assume you hold the K, but if you play the king, your partner will know for a fact that you don’t have the queen, because it was the CHEAPEST card you could have played to force the ace in the dummy.

Dummy

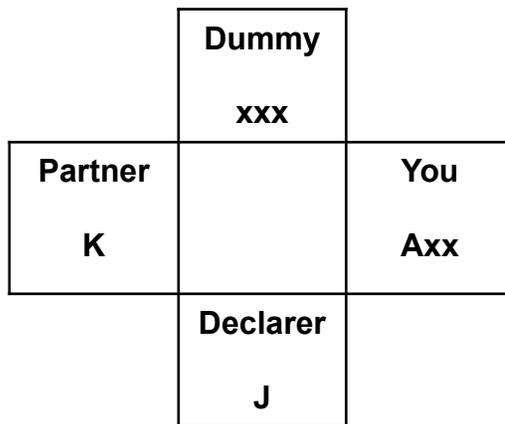
- AKxx
- Axxx
- QJxx
- x

- Spades: xxx
- Hearts: QJx
- Diamonds: K9432
- Clubs: Ax

When declarer leads a small heart from dummy, you play the JACK, not the queen. When declarer wins in his hand with the King, your partner can make the assumption that YOU have the queen.

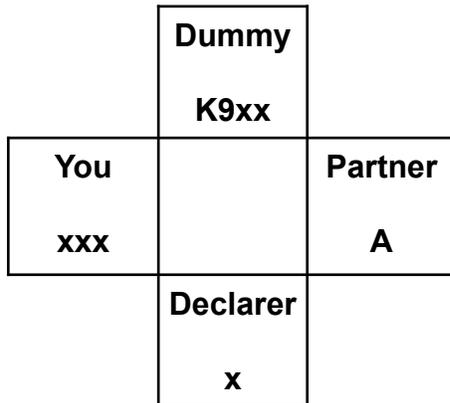
Treat your cards like money – buy a trick (or promote a trick) with the cheapest card you have. Remember, you must always try to help your partner locate missing honors, and careful play of each card in your hand gives him or her a better idea of what you hold and what declarer holds, and how best to defend. Watch your partner’s cards carefully, so you can make assumptions from the cards he/she plays.

EXAMPLES:



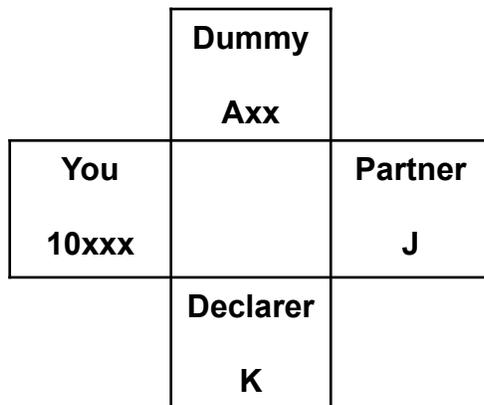
Here a low card is played from dummy, you play low (second hand low), declarer plays the J and partner wins with the King.

FACT: Partner does NOT have the Queen, because if he held KQ in the suit, he would have won with the cheapest card he held in the suit, the Queen.



Declarer leads a small card towards dummy, you play small, and dummy plays the 9. Partner wins with the Ace.

FACT: Partner does NOT have the 10, jack or the queen, because she would have won the trick with the cheapest honor she held.



You lead a small card, dummy plays low, partner plays the Jack, and declarer wins with the King. Here you can't be sure, but there is the possibility that partner has the queen.

*-Susy Law*

# Membership Matters

## RANK PROMOTIONS

### NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Janet Davis  
James Kitchen  
Jan McPheeters  
Susan Sackinger  
Leonie Wellman  
William Wiley

### NEW CLUB MASTERS

Jack Burch  
Frederick Clark  
Lori Clark  
Jenny Robbins  
Elissa Thompson  
Sylvia Webb

### NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Eli Folick  
Jan Heggem  
Robert Hine  
Richard Long  
Arthur Shirley  
David Shirley  
Judy Starr

### NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Kathy Dennis  
Lynn Fugelso  
Karen Sotar  
Pam Williams  
M. J. Wolfersperger

### NEW NABC MASTERS

Scott Baker  
Alan Pope

### NEW LIFE MASTERS

Egda Delaney  
Michael Delaney

## NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Lynda Burch  
Barbara Duncan

## NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Tim Long

## NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Frank Fine

## NEW MEMBERS

Pat Carpenter  
Catherine Currie  
James Kitchen  
Diann Messuri  
Judith Reed  
Christina Squire

## TRANSFERS INTO UNIT

Barbara Kaspar  
Chet Williams  
Kenneth Wood

## IN MEMORIAM

MARILYN ADAMS  
SHERRY BRADLEY  
JIM FRENCH

# NAVAJO TRAIL REGIONAL

*January 19-25, 2015  
Albuquerque, New Mexico*



### **Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North**

*5151 San Francisco Rd NE - I-25 and Paseo del Norte  
505-821-3333 or 1-800-262-2043*

*Room Rates: \$105 Single/Double, Ask for Bridge Rate, reserve before January 1, 2015*

**Entry Fees: \$12 for ACBL members, \$16 for non-members and unpaid ACBL members  
I/N Events \$10, Juniors \$6 (18 and under) See [www.abqbridge.com](http://www.abqbridge.com)**

**Partnerships: Make arrangements at tournament partnership desk- we guarantee a partner  
Before Tournament contact Felicity Moore—[f.moore@netscape.com](mailto:f.moore@netscape.com) Phone: 505-717-1483**

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**Free Parking, Convenient Snack Bar, Ample Playing Space, Daily Hospitality,  
Daily Bulletin, Hand Records, Daily Speakers**

### **199er Events**

**Single Session Pairs: Tuesday - Saturday at 9:00am and 1:00pm**

**Swiss Teams: Sunday 10:00am Bracketed Swiss Teams -Two Sessions**

### **Presented by District 17**

Darwin Afdahl, Tucson, President	JoAnne Lowe, Phoenix
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Kat Tiano	Karel Toohey
Jerry Wellman	Mal Wilhelmi

**Sanction R1501061**

**Tournament Director-in-Charge - Gary Zeiger**



# 2015 Navajo Trail Regional Schedule of Events

	9:00AM	1:00PM	7:00PM
<b>Mon</b>	Pairs I/N KO	<b>Welcome to Albuquerque - Game Time 7:00PM</b>	
			Charity Pairs 299er Charity Pairs Navajo KO - 1 <sup>st</sup> Session
<b>Tuesday</b>	I/N Tewa AM 199er Pairs (1 session) Pairs Morning Side Game Series 1 of 5 Pairs Tuesday Daylight Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) KO Navajo KO - 2 <sup>nd</sup> session KO Swiss	Tewa PM 199er pairs (1 session) Afternoon Side Game Series 1 of 5 Taos Stratified Open Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Tuesday Daylight Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Navajo KO – Semifinals Apache KO -1 <sup>st</sup> session	Evening Side Game Series 1 of 5 Taos Stratified Open Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Navajo KO – Finals Apache KO - 2 <sup>nd</sup> session Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
<b>Wednesday</b>	I/N Nambe AM 199er pairs (1 session) Pairs Morning Side Game Series 2 of 5 Pairs Wednesday Daylight Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Pairs Gold KO Zuni KO - 1 <sup>st</sup> session KO	Nambe PM 199er Pairs (1 session) Afternoon Side Game Series 2 of 5 Wednesday Daylight Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Santa Ana A/B Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Gold Rush Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Apache KO – Semifinals Cochiti KO-1 <sup>st</sup> session	Evening Side Game Series 2 of 5 Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session) Santa Ana A/B Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Gold Rush Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Apache KO – Finals Cochiti KO-2 <sup>nd</sup> session
<b>Thursday</b>	I/N Laguna AM 199er pairs (1 session) Pairs Morning Side Game Series 3 of 5 Pairs Thursday Daylight Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Pairs KO Zuni KO - 2 <sup>nd</sup> session BAM Gold	Laguna PM 199er Pairs (1 session) Afternoon Side Game Series 3 of 5 Thursday Daylight Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Isleta A/B Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Cochiti KO - Semi-finals Acoma Board A Match Team (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Gold Rush Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2)	Evening Side Game Series 3 of 5 Isleta A/B Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Cochiti KO - Finals Acoma Board A Match Team (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Gold Rush Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2)
<b>Friday</b>	I/N Domingo AM 199er pairs (1 session) Pairs Morning Side Game Series 4 of 5 Pairs Friday Daylight Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Pairs Gold Swiss Zia Stratified. Swiss Teams (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) KO Zuni KO – Semifinals	Domingo PM 199er Pairs (1 session) Afternoon Side Game Series 4 of 5 Friday Daylight Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) San Juan A/B Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Gold Rush Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Sandia KO - 1 <sup>st</sup> session	Evening Side Game Series 4 of 5 San Juan A/B Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Gold Rush Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Stratified Swiss Teams - 1 session Sandia KO - 2 <sup>nd</sup> session
<b>Saturday</b>	I/N Jemez AM 199er Pairs (1 session) Pairs Morning Side Game Series 5 of 5 Pairs Saturday Daylight Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Swiss Zia Stratified Swiss Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) KO Zuni KO – Finals Gold CKO	Jemez PM 199er Pairs (1 session) Afternoon Side Game Series 5 of 5 Tesuque A/B Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) Saturday Daylight Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Sandia KO – Semifinals Gold Rush Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2) San Ildefonso Compact KO (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rds.)	Evening Side Game Series 5 of 5 Tesuque A/B Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session) Sandia KO – Finals Gold Rush Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> /2) San Ildefonso Compact KO-Semi- & Finals
<b>Sun</b>	Swiss 10:00AM -Swiss Flight A/AX - 2 sessions, Play through with short lunch break Swiss 10:00AM –Bracketed Swiss Play through with short lunch break Swiss 10:00AM – I/N teams participate in Bracketed Swiss	<b>Have a Safe Trip Home</b>	

- Strati-flighted Events** A/X: 3000+/0-3000 play together, B/C/D play together, B = 1000-2000, C=500-1000, D=0-500
- A/B Pairs Events** A=2500+; B=0-2500 Stratified by pair average masterpoints
- Gold Rush Pairs** 0-100/300/750 Gold Point awards in top bracket only
- Stratified Events:** A = 2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750 (Stratified by team or pair average)
- Bracketed Swiss:** 0-2000 No player with more than 2000 masterpoints
- Knockout Teams** Bracketed by average masterpoint holding of all members, Top Bracket may be handicapped
- Compact KO Teams** Teams limited to four members
- Mid-Chart Conventions:** OK in Flight A Sunday Swiss and Top Bracket of KO Events if each team averages 2000+MP





**COMING UNIT GAMES SCHEDULE**

Sunday games start at 1.30pm. All games are stratified and award enhanced masterpoints.

**January**

- 4: Pairs Championship
- 11: Board-a-Match Teams
- 18: Pairs Championship
- 25: ABQ Regional

**February**

- 1: GNT Qualifier (Teams)
- 8: Pairs Championship
- 15: Pairs Championship
- 22: GNT Qualifier (Teams)

**March**

- 1: Pairs Championship
- 8: NM STaC Prs. (Silver pts)
- 15: Charity Pairs
- 22: Mixed Pairs
- 29: GNT Qualifier (Teams)

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