

# Albuquerque Bridge Player

*Unit 374's Quarterly Newsletter*

## President's Column

After last year's move to late February 2014, this year's regional was scheduled at our normal date beginning on the Martin Luther King holiday. Last year's attendance, about 1630 tables, was lower than our recent tournaments had been - primarily due to the change in schedule. This year I expected to return to closer to the recent norm of about 1800 tables. It didn't happen. We reached just over 1600 tables.

Without going into the details of the attendance figures, which are available to anyone who would care to listen or read a fairly detailed summary that I wrote and gave to the District 17 board, I will say that I think we are in the process of seeing lower regional attendance as a regular occurrence. Here is why I say that.

There are now seven regionals held in District 17 each year and most of them occur in the first six months of the year - Albuquerque, Tucson, Mesa, Denver and Las Vegas. The last two of the year are Taos and Phoenix (more about Phoenix in a minute.). Colorado Springs and Tucson alternate their regionals each year.

We have seen special events such as NABCs directly affect our tournament. This happened when the Fall NABCs were held in Denver in 2005. Our 2006 regional dropped by 200+ tables. In the fall of 2013 Phoenix had the NABCs. That event plus our change in scheduled dates resulted in our attendance in 2014 falling by 300+ tables from the previous year. This year I think the

Tucson regional, which followed ours by only a month, had some impact on our attendance.

As tournament chair, the ACBL furnishes me with records of player addresses and the number of sessions played by each player. Using this information, I can look at the support we get in as much detail as I like. In analyzing the attendance data from our last 14 regionals, I found that the support of Unit 374 players has remained constant with a slight upward trend.

Recently, support from outside NM has decreased slightly overall. Colorado players are by far the biggest source of support from outside NM, while Texas and Arizona are next. Keeping out-of-state players is especially important because they play more sessions on average than local players. Not a surprise - they come to Albuquerque to play bridge.

So when a major tournament occurs in Arizona, for example, the number of Arizona players who come to our tournament decreases and we see an immediate effect. In my opinion, the out-of-state player population only has so many tournament bridge sessions per year in them and when the tournament schedule becomes more and more crowded, they use up their playing sessions closer to home.

So what's the answer? We can reduce the number of tournaments in the area or at least do a better job of spreading them throughout

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the year. Phoenix has actually cancelled their October 2015 regional because of poor attendance, but Tucson is vying to pick it up. This is a decision that will be made by the District 17 governing board and we have some input into the process. Frank Fine is our newly elected Unit 374 representative to the D17 board and will make our case to the district.

Another thing we can do is market our tournament more to players from Arizona, Texas and California. We have a great tournament, and we need to make that known to people who live just a little further away than most participants.

On the horizon is the Fall National Tournament (NABC), to be held in Denver. Ten years ago, we suffered when half of the 200 Colorado players who were in the habit of attending our regional stayed home after their NABC. 2016 could be a repeat of that. The ACBL has complete control over the NABC schedule and we can only react to what they decide.

I have announced my retirement as regional tournament chair after having done this job for fourteen consecutive regionals and a couple tournaments more than 30 years ago. Felicity Moore will replace me as tournament chairperson. This was a decision arrived at our last unit board meeting. We are working closely together to make the transition. Good luck, Felix.

Another event that the unit has sponsored, and Felix has organized the last several years, is a bridge weekend with a well-known bridge teacher/player. We want to keep this event relevant to our members' needs and so we will make a questionnaire available at DCBC to see what you – the Unit members – want from this event. Please look for this questionnaire at DCBC.

*-Bill Kass*

## Buddha Says

**VISUALIZE**

The past year or so, the buzz word “visualize” has become hot. There’s a new book on very advanced declarer play that I’ve recently read, and the authors stress visualizing the opponent’s hands to find the

right play. The book is entitled “The Art of Declarer Play” by Tim Bourke and Justin Corfield. I highly recommend it for master level players. Below is an interesting hand from the Tucson Regional. It demonstrates the mental gymnastics that you need to employ during play. I was in a Board-A-Match event, and my opponents were the top seeds. I’ll share with you my thought process as I tried to “visualize” my opponents’ cards.

<b>North</b>	<b>South (Buddha)</b>
♠Q95	♠AK63
♥965	♥AKT4
♦T73	♦QJ6
♣AT52	♣K4

The auction was pass by North, pass by East, 2NT by me. At this time, West thought for a very long time (about 45 seconds), and passed. My partner raised to 3NT and all passed. Over the years, I’ve played maybe 50 deals against the West opponent, and I’ve kibitzed him on more than that many hands. Never on any of those occasions has he ever broken tempo. So I know something is up. Now he is on lead and he thinks nearly two minutes before he leads the 8 of diamonds. I see that I have 8 tricks and several chances for a 9th. I play low from dummy and right hand plays the 2. I win the jack and think about the opening lead. Opponents play upside-down count and attitude. Right hand opponent couldn’t beat the 8, so he is giving count here and it looks like he started with 2 diamonds. I cash the spade ace and RHO shows out, pitching the heart 2. This says he likes hearts. So LHO had 6 spades to the JT8 and didn’t lead one. This upsets me a little, because a spade lead would have given me a ninth trick right away. Now I know that LHO has 6 spades and 5 or 6 diamonds. RHO has 1 or 2 diamonds and at least 11 hearts and clubs. Not sure what to do next, I decide to play a diamond so when LHO cashes his suit, RHO will be squeezed in hearts and clubs. LHO wins the diamond king, runs 3 more diamonds, and plays the spade jack. RHO pitches a second heart. I win the spade queen and lead a heart, expecting RHO to split his honors. Instead, he plays small in perfect tempo. Now I am afraid that LHO is 6-5 with one club and the singleton jack or queen of hearts, so I go up with the Ace and LHO shows out. I know that

RHO started with QJxxxx of hearts and 5 clubs. Surely he would have opened 2 hearts if he also held QJxxx of clubs, so LHO has a doubleton club including the queen or jack or both. Now I cash the AK of clubs and throw RHO in with a heart and he has to give me the club ten for my ninth trick. I'm not happy with +400 (if I'd played RHO for all 6 hearts I would have made 430 with the same club endplay.) At some tables RHO did open 2 hearts and after the jack of spades lead, declarers made 10 or 11 tricks. The whole hand:

	<b>North</b> ♠Q95 ♥965 ♦T73 ♣AT52	
<b>West</b> ♠JT8742 ♥ ♦AK985 ♣Q8		<b>East</b> ♠ ♥QJ8732 ♦42 ♣J9763
	<b>South (Buddha)</b> ♠AK63 ♥AKT4 ♦QJ6 ♣K4	

Luckily, this was a BAM, and we won the board, because at the other table, North-South played in 4 spades, which had no chance.

*-Joe Harris*

### DUKE CITY BRIDGE CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT

Spring is in the air. Time to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of the best time of the year in New Mexico.

Duke City is also celebrating! As you are reading this newsletter, the last payments are being made on the loans that were taken out for the original renovations of our club. These loans were made by several members of our club for the purpose of renovating the kitchen and bathrooms, expanding our playing area, and creating the open and inviting space that we now use. The board would like to express our gratitude to those members.

With the renovation loans paid off, DCBC will have one last round of loans to repay that were used for the replacement of the carpet that was completed last year. Those loans come due in 2016.

The DCBC board of directors has been hard at work to ensure that we have monies on hand to not only pay off our loans and bills, but also to set aside monies to pay for upcoming work on the club without taking out any additional loans. The upcoming work will include repair and/or replacement of the roof, replacement of the heating and cooling system, work on the fence to the east of our property and other issues as they come up. The cost-saving measures that the board implemented have put us in a sound financial position for years to come. Of course, there could always be unforeseen issues that arise, but we hope to be well-positioned to deal with them.

The newly elected board continues to resolve member issues as they are reported. We are looking at the "Zero Tolerance" policies of the club and how they are implemented. We take member concerns very seriously, and strive to answer and/or correct any problems. We encourage our members to make their thoughts and concerns known to us so that we might address them. You can talk to any of the board members in person or ask a director to relay your concerns to us. Your new Board of Directors for 2016 is: Rick Weigle, President; Katherine Tyner, Vice-President; Alan Pope, Secretary; Karen Soutar; Alan Goldman; Susan Zimmerman; Linda Hays; Jim Munroe; Jim Fisk and Mike Vermilion. Our club manager is Felix Moore, our treasurer is Jan Evans,

Russ Edwards and Scott Baker are in charge of general maintenance, and there are untold number of volunteers who work every day to support the day-to-day operation of the club. We couldn't survive without them.

*-Rick Weigle*

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Most of you recognize education as playing a pivotal role in bringing new members to DCBC. Ellen Brabson and her fantastic Education Committee members (Kathleen Church, Jan Evans, Athena Kelly, Cliff Hill, Pat Newman, Patricia Plummer, Alan Pope, Susan Zimmerman, and Bob Zipp) set about that goal with enthusiasm, high spirits, and a great deal of hard work. So, I want to take this opportunity, as the new co-chair of education, along with Susan Zimmerman (yes, it is taking two of us to replace Ellen), to inform all of you of the accomplishments made by them in the past two years. As a group, their program accomplishments were numerous:

1. They endorsed the use of ACBL Bridge Series for the DCBC class curriculum;
2. They approved a short and long-term course schedule and design;
3. They requested and received support from Unit 374 to offer a Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) ;
4. They offered special topic classes; and
5. They promoted and acknowledged the important role of Supervised Play with Felix Moore on Saturday mornings and with Susan Zimmerman on Wednesday evenings.

As an individual, Ellen:

1. Advertised and administered the DCBC education classes, including preparing instructions and templates for class registration and attendance rosters;
2. Inventoried and organized the course books;
3. Wrote "Book Selling Guidelines and Procedures";
4. Held a book sale for DCBC surplus books;
5. Prepared an annual budget for DCBC Education;

6. Wrote a grant to support the DCBC Education program and DCBC charities; and

7. Developed an "Education Committee Chair(s) Operational Manual." Following in Ellen's footsteps will take a lot of work.

By now, all of the spring classes are in full swing. In addition, Supervised Play with Felix Moore and Susan Zimmerman will continue between the spring and summer sessions. The timing of these will be announced, so keep watching the electronic bulletin board!

I am very excited to announce that Dennis Dawson has committed to offering two seminars, with a possibility of more. Watch the electronic bulletin board for full details.

*-Linda Hays, Chair, Education Committee*

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## DISTRICT 17 UPDATE

I am honored to be the new Unit 374 (Albuquerque) representative to the District 17 Board of Directors, replacing (but by no means filling the shoes of) Karin Kelsey. Many thanks to her for her many years of distinguished service on our behalf.

District 17 is a "J" shaped area consisting of part or all of six states starting in Wyoming to the north, south to El Paso, and west to Las Vegas. It is one of the largest of ACBL's 25 districts, both in terms of number of members and land area. It partners with the units to provide an excellent bridge experience though regional tournaments and other events.

The district sanctions about six regional tournaments each year, including our January Navajo Trial Regional. Special events include the North American Pairs (NAP) and the Grand National Teams (GNT). It is funded primarily though sanction fees paid out of the entry fees at regionals.

The district board met on February 28 during the Old Pueblo Regional in Tucson. It consists of 15 able and dedicated directors. New officers elected are:

John Grossman, Greeley CO, President  
 Art McHaffie, Santa Fe, Vice President  
 Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Springs, Recording Secretary  
 Flo Newlin, Denver, Elections Secretary

Jerry Ranney, Denver, Treasurer

**Phoenix Regional**

Originally scheduled for this fall, it has been canceled. Last year they moved it to Mesa which was not successful. The North American Pairs event (NAP) was scheduled to be at that tournament. Now we will host them at our Navajo Trail Regional in January 2016.

**Grand National Teams**

Many of our members have now qualified for the GNTs. That qualifies you for regional GNT play, to be held during the Denver Regional May 23-25. If you enter you are eligible for reimbursement of your entry fees by the unit, and partial reimbursement of travel expenses by the district.

This is a great experience for any bridge player. The field is divided into four flights (Champion, A, B and C) so you play against teams of similar experience. The format depends upon the number of teams entered. Typically the first day cuts the number of teams in each flight to eight. The champions are determined the second day (there may a third day for the Champion and A flights). Win and you go on to the National GNTs, expenses paid, at the August NABCs in Chicago.

Here is a link to the Denver Regional flyer. <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2015/05/1505033.pdf>

**Taos Regional**

They have now published their schedule. Pick up a copy online at <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2015/09/1509071.pdf> or at DCBC. It is a great event in a lovely setting, only 2½ hours away.

**By the Numbers**

District 17 is the ACBI's third largest by population with over 9,000 of the league's 166,000 members. Only District 7 (primarily Georgia and the Carolinas) and District 9 (Florida) have more members.

With our nearly 600 members, Albuquerque's Unit 374 is the 6th largest of the District's 22 units. We have about 65 members per hundred thousand population. Here is how relative membership stacks up in the district's largest metro areas.

Unit Number	Unit Name	Members	Pop.	Members per Hundred Thousand
354/351	Phoenix	2669	4398762	61
361	Denver	1268	2697476	47
373	Las Vegas	741	2027868	37
356	Tucson	1124	996544	113
374	Albuquerque	589	902797	65
159	El Paso	167	831036	20
359	Boulder	364	310048	117

That's it for my first District 17 update. I welcome your comments. Email me at [finefrank@gmail.com](mailto:finefrank@gmail.com), call me at 463-2400, or catch up with me at a game at DCBC.

*-Frank Fine*

**WEDNESDAY BRIDGE GAME**

Please make note of the fact that there is a Wednesday afternoon bridge game at the Sandia West Bridge Studio. It starts at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Fresh baked goodies are served at all the Wednesday games. Partners can be arranged by calling me in advance of the game.

*Paul Harris (505) 891-7834*

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

This incarnation of the mentorship program began with a meeting of the mentorship committee in August 2014. After two committee meetings and multiple e-mail chains, it was decided to send a request for mentors to all current Unit 374 members via PIANOLA email. The response was overwhelming – we received offers from 43 unit members to serve as mentors.

The next step of the committee was to ask for Unit 374 members who wished to be mentored. This solicitation was also sent to the entire unit membership via PIANOLA email. We received 38 requests for mentors.

The committee met to try to form potential matches of students with mentors. Every student was matched with at least two potential mentors. Every mentor was given a list of two-three recommended students. Each mentor was sent recommended student contact information as well as the complete list of students. The mentors were asked to initiate contact with the student(s) of their choice. Mentors were not required to choose a student from the committee recommended list, the current list of students, or anyone from the membership at large. There was no attempt to keep track of mentor-student matches. Anecdotally, a large number of matches were made, quite a few were completely unassociated with the mentorship program.

At the time the student lists were sent to the mentors, the students were advised that the program had started and asked to reply if they had not made a match with a mentor by Jan. 15, 2015. Five students did not make a match with a mentor. The mentors were sent a second list of nine potential students, these five students along with four additional new students, and asked to make contact with any student they were able to mentor.

The future of the program has yet to be determined. However, the success of this start bodes well. The members of Unit 374 should be congratulated on their generosity in sharing their knowledge and experience to enhance the quality of bridge played in Albuquerque.

*-Gerald Wellman*

## ON-LINE METHOD FOR FINDING PARTNERS

There is a need to establish a robust on-line presence for DCBC. I have established a way for members to more easily locate partners. This could be extended later to matching people for car pools and even surveying the membership about DCBC activities and policies. Because ACBL policy is that such information be "opt-in" (members must ask to be included), the invitation has to be done again.

Social media provides an easy way to take advantage of existing programs to accomplish this at no cost to the club or members. All the development work has been done and most of the bugs worked out. I have set up a private group for us at Facebook. Facebook calls it a "secret" group. By being private, it will be unlisted and only available to those approved by the group administrator (me). That way, joining this group will not result in spam or other inappropriate messages. Whatever you post will be seen only by other members of the group. All you need to do is post a message like:

"I am looking for a partner for Thursdays. I usually play in Section B."

Somebody accepting your invitation simply responds to the message by clicking the button marked "comment" and typing something like

"I am free on Thursday and can play with you. Playing in Section B is fine."

To become part of this group, you must first join Facebook by going to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

Under 'Sign Up', you will see several boxes that require information such as your name and email address, your birthday and gender. You will also assign yourself a password. You do not need to give any more than this basic information although you will be encouraged to give more. Once you have an account, either invite me to be a friend (there is a button at the top "Find Friends," or send an email to: [DCBCMembers@Gmail.com](mailto:DCBCMembers@Gmail.com) and I will add you to the group.

*-Jim Munroe*

## RULES OF THE GAME

I have been asked, "Is it legal to use different systems against different pairs?" For example, for any specific pair can we decide not to use count, can we decide that all doubles will be for penalties, or can we decide to not use odd-even discards?

This question provides grist for a lot of discussion. First of all, it would clearly be illegal to do this without informing the opponents of this change—this would violate ACBL Law 40B4 regarding disclosure. Secondly, ACBL Law 40B2(a) prohibits varying the meaning of a call or play depending upon the member of the partnership making the call. Thirdly, if it were legal to change your card if you informed your opponents of your changes, then you might be able to change your convention card at will and you could potentially have many convention cards (even one for each pair)! Finally as an extreme, you could potentially change your convention card after looking at your hand. For example, "Partner, let's use 1 NT to show 11 HCP for this particular hand".

I asked Bill Koehler to research the question of changing systems/methods during a session. He provided the following from the ACBL Score tech files (please ask him if you need further reference) :

### PART III: PRE-ALERTS

Pre-Alerts are designed to act as an early warning system of any unusual methods for which the opponents may need to prepare. Pre-Alerts must be given before the auction period begins on the first board of a round or match.

### "TWO-SYSTEM" METHODS

Some pairs vary their system by position, by vulnerability, or a combination of the two. While this is legal, it is also something the opponents may need to know ahead of time. One example of this is agreeing to play a forcing-club system not vulnerable and "two over one" vulnerable.

Minor variations such as varying notrump range or jump overcall strength by vulnerability do not require a pre-alert. These methods still require normal announcements (notrump ranges; transfers) or alerts (forcing Stayman over some notrump ranges) when appropriate.

As an aside, please note that it is not legal to vary your system during a session for subjective reasons, such as the skill level of the opponents with which you happen to be playing at the time or which member of the partnership is making the call. You may, of course, alter your defenses in response to the opponents' methods.

It is my opinion that for all intents and purposes, you should consider the convention card with which you start the session as a fixed statement of your agreements for that session. Essentially, it is a firm agreement between you and your partner that will be applied to all opponents. The only exception is if your opponents are using a special convention (for which they must provide a pre-alert and a recommended defense).

*-Larry Bertholf*

## Newer Players Page

### DISCARD AMBIVALENCE

As everyone knows, we spend 50% of our time at the bridge table defending – or trying to keep declarer's winning tricks to a minimum. One of the most important ways to do this is to communicate with your partner – letting her know what key cards you have in your hand. Conversely, it is also important that you watch your partner's signals so you know what HE has in the line of possible winning tricks. This is done by using high cards to tell partner you like a suit, and low cards to show you have nothing in a suit of any value. High cards are usually anything above a six; low cards, anything under a six. Talk these signals over with your partner before play begins and impress on partner that you will be sending these messages, and that it is important that he/she watch for them and give you similar information when he/she is discarding.

Qxx

Axxx

KJ86

Your partner leads the A of this suit. Dummy plays low. You must discard the 8, not the six. This tells partner you want the suit continued.

Or suppose your partner leads a suit, and you're void in the suit. You must discard in another suit, so discard a high card in your strong suit. If you're broke (you have nothing of interest in ANY suit), discard any low card.

So, remember that when you are defending, you don't sit back and just follow suit – you must make every effort to be continuously communicating with your partner to find ways to make your winning cards count. If you can take one more trick than the other pairs sitting your way, you'll get a top on the board!

*-Susy Law*

### ADVICE FROM ONE OF THE GREATS

“I have only two suggestions to offer you on opening leads. Neither of them is devastating, but they will save you many points during the year:

Whenever your opponents have bid three suits and ended up in a fourth; whenever declarer, supported in his suit, has bid no trump and been put back into his suit again; and whenever you haven't the faintest idea what to lead—LEAD A TRUMP. The reason is obvious. In the first two cases, dummy has ruffing values and the sooner you attack trumps the better. In the third case, it is the lead that is least likely to do any harm.

When you are in doubt whether to open your partner's suit or your own – LEAD YOUR PARTNER'S. Personally I use this argument in all cases where the decision is close. I prefer the position where I can bawl out to one where I can be bawled out, whether I like it or not.”

*-S. J. Simon*

### AND MORE OF SAME

Keep your bidding simple. Approach when you must and take the direct route whenever you can. Never feel compelled to use a convention where it cannot help you, merely because you happen to be playing it. If you know you want to be in a small slam contract but not in a grand slam, bid “six” direct. Do not bother with the four-five no trump routine. Why tell the opponents you have four aces?

Whether you are aiming at a part score, a game or a slam, the moment you have decided what your contract is to be, BID it. It may not be very spectacular, it may evoke the jeers of those that like to wander around the world to reach a contract that can be reached in a couple of bids; but believe me, it pays. You will lose fewer points during the year if you stop trying to be scientific all the time.”

*-S. J. Simon*

## VAMPIRES AMONG US

Those of us who have worked in a medical laboratory are used to being called "vampires". The "face" of the laboratory is the phlebotomist or blood drawer. Most of the people that work in laboratories do the testing of blood and other specimens and don't do "vampirism".

Microbiologists culture bacteria so the correct antibiotic can be prescribed for an infection. Histologists prepare surgically removed tissue for review and diagnosis under the microscope for the pathologist. Hematologists perform blood cell counting and identification under the microscope. Coagulation specialists check your "blood thinners" and test for bleeding disorders. Blood bankers crossmatch donated blood for transfusion. I thought you might like a little insight into the "lab techs" that you may be facing across the bridge table.

Mary Pat Laslie was born and grew up in Louisville, KY. Consequently, she likes bourbon and sweet tea. She got her degree in microbiology at Emory University in Atlanta. Her face lights up when she talks about her job as microbiology supervisor at a major Boston hospital. She moved many places here and abroad following her husband's career in the pharmaceutical industry. She stayed home most of those years and raised their only child, a daughter. She had played a little bridge in college, and 20 years later in Washington, DC. When she moved here two years ago to be near her daughter and three grandchildren, she got talked into playing again—with her good friend Pat Vogel. She currently has 700 masterpoints. I found her to have a welcoming smile and infectious laugh.

Ethel Giovannis was born in Shanghai, China and moved as a young girl to Hong Kong. Following her eldest brother (who was so smart the university gave scholarships to his siblings), she entered Utah State University where she graduated with a degree in clinical laboratory science. Her student visa was about to expire when a professor at USU referred her to Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. She was able to get a green card. While there she met Ted, who was stationed at Nellis AFB. After Ted returned from duty in Vietnam, they were married. For several years she stayed home to raise their two daughters. Then she worked in various local labs, preferring blood

banking and coagulation. She retired 15 years ago. On a cruise with friends (Nancy Kruger and her husband), she learned to play bridge. Nancy kept pestering Ethel to continue to play bridge and she succumbed! She has taken the DCBC lessons and continues to learn. She says she wishes that she had known about private lessons earlier, so she could have had one-on-one tutoring sooner. As of this writing, she is one point shy of becoming a bronze life master. Her favorite current partner is Joan Allen. She sometimes plays with Ted, but she says he is much better than she is, having played long before she started. Ethel says her funniest bridge story is when she doubled her own partner's bid. She thinks you may be surprised to learn that she is an excellent classical Chinese dancer.

Cindy Harris' family homesteaded in Nebraska. She graduated with a degree in Medical Technology from the University of Nebraska. Her first husband was a University of Nebraska football coach, who was recruited to coach here at UNM. Cindy worked 44 years in various laboratories, mostly SED and at UNMH. Her favorite department is hematology—the study of blood cells. She started playing bridge socially and fell into duplicate because her neighbor and partner's mother-in-law was a life master and encouraged the two to play duplicate. She fell in love with her bridge teacher and married Joe 33 years ago. They have no children. She currently has about 6000 MP. Other hobbies are cooking, traveling, and birdwatching all over the world.

Charlene Bishop grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State. She was in the first class of degreed medical technologists at that institution. Being adventurous, she joined a girlfriend and took her first job in Colorado Springs at Penrose Hospital in hematology. She soon met her future husband and married. They didn't have children. After 10 years in Colorado, they moved for her husband's construction job to Wyoming. Nine years later they moved to Albuquerque. Charlene worked 24 1/2 years at Hematology Oncology Associates. After retiring, she missed working with patients so much that she started working two days a week at Woodmark Assisted-Living. About 10 years ago, she happened to read an ad in the newspaper for free bridge lessons and decided to plunge in—she wanted something during retirement to keep her mind

active. She had played card games but didn't know about bridge. Mary Erickson was her teacher and Charleen was bitten by the bridge bug. She currently has about 200 MPs. She's working toward her life master status. When she came to her first lesson alone, she sat down at the table with three other ladies. She still plays with those three ladies. She has embraced the game and has served a stint on the DCBC board. A surprising fact—she and her husband collect classic cars—their latest—a 1960 T-Bird.

Barbara Briscoe was a histotechnologist. She graduated from Albuquerque High School. She worked many years at UNMH. As of this time she was unable to give an interview.

All of these ladies thoroughly enjoyed their vampiring days, but your blood is safe at the bridge table!!

*-Cindy Harris*

## DON'T HESITATE TO CALL

In Chapter VII of the Proprieties, the following paragraphs cover the practice of hesitating, or changing the tempo of your play, to deceive.

Law 73, A. 2

Calls and plays should be made without undue emphasis, mannerism or inflection, and without undue hesitation or haste.

Law 73, D. 2

A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of a remark or a gesture, by the haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as in hesitating before playing a singleton), the manner in which a call or play is made, or by any purposeful deviation from correct procedure.

Law 73. F. Violation of Proprieties - When a violation of the proprieties described in this law results in damage to an innocent opponent, if the director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a remark, manner, tempo or the like of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have known, at the time of the action, that the action could work to his benefit, the director shall award an adjusted score (see Law 12C).

Please take special care in regulating the tempo of your card play. Hesitating before playing a singleton, or hesitating before playing a card, to deliberately give your opponent the impression that you hold a card you don't, is a violation of bridge proprieties, and as stated above, could result in the director being called and your score being adjusted.

# Bridge Squeezes for Everyone

## A Saturday Workshop with Dennis Dawson

**Duke City Bridge Club**

**Albuquerque, NM**

**May 9, 2015**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

### **The Topic**

For the advancing player who wants to improve his or her game, especially for those who always thought squeezes were too difficult. The basic principles of squeeze play are not complicated. These principles make squeezes accessible to players with a wide range of experience and skill. Practice what you've learned by playing several hands. Notes are included.

### **The Teacher**

Dennis Dawson is a Grand Life Master of the ACBL and a National Champion. He has won more than 14,900 masterpoints as well as a World Championship Bronze Medal and over 200 regional events.

"I have worked with Dennis on several bridge seminars and have watched him in action teaching classes. He is an excellent teacher - very clear with just the right amount of humor."

*Eddie Kantar, member of the Bridge*

*Hall of Fame*

**To reserve your spot,** email [dennis@bridgevacations.com](mailto:dennis@bridgevacations.com)

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# ALBUQUERQUE SPRING SECTIONAL

**June 12 - 14, 2015**  
**Duke City Bridge Center**  
**8616 Northeastern NE, Albuquerque NM**  
**505-871-2877**

**Friday, June 12**

Bracketed KO	Round 1	9.00am
Open Stratified Pairs	Single sessions	9.00am / 1.00pm
199er Stratified Pairs	Single sessions	9.00am / 1.00pm
Bracketed KO	Round 2	1.00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	Single session	7.00pm
Bracketed KO	Final round	7.00pm

**Saturday, June 13**

Strati-flighted Pairs	Two sessions	10.00am / 2.30pm
<i>A/X play together, B/C play together</i>		
Open Stratified Side Pairs	Single sessions	10.00am / 2.30pm
199er Stratified Pairs	Single sessions	10.00am / 2.30pm

**Sunday, June 14**

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams	Two sessions	10.00am & TBA
<i>A/X play together, B/C/D play together</i>		

Separate 199er Swiss Teams if sufficient entries

Stratified events:	A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
Strati-flighted events:	A: 3000+, A/X: 0-3000, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750 (Sat.Pairs) C: 200-750, D: 0-200 (Sun.Teams)
199er Pairs:	A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

All events stratified by average masterpoint holdings. Mid-chart methods allowed in Flight A events and in the top flight of the KO. KO Events may be handicapped

Entry Fees: \$8.00 per player/session (\$3.00 extra/session for non/unpaid members), Juniors (U26): \$4.00 per player/session  
 \$80.00 per team for Sunday Swiss (includes lunch between sessions)

Director-in-Charge:	Bill Michael	Sanction # 1506030
Chairperson:	Felicity Moore	f.moore@netscape.com 505-717-1483
Partnerships:	Kat Tiano	kat@santafeproductions.com 505-899-9579

***Complimentary food and beverages at all sessions .....the best in the west!***  
***Non-smoking tournament with breaks. Information and results at [www.abqbridge.com](http://www.abqbridge.com)***

Directions to DCBC: From I-40 take Wyoming Ave Exit north to Northeastern Blvd (approximately 1 mile) turn right (E) on Northeastern Blvd (traffic light), DCBC is second building on the right.

## Odds & Ends

### NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2015 membership directory/telephone book has been released. You may pick up your copy at the DCBC during any game period. There is a list of member's names on the table next to the books. Put a check by your name when you take your copy. These books are expensive to produce, so please - only take one copy.

As is always the case, changes to people's addresses and telephone numbers will occur. When this happens, notify Susy Law and she will record the change in the quarterly newsletter so members can update their directories accordingly. Also, please inform Kat Tiano of any changes you'd like to make.

The editing and production of these books is a painstaking process that requires hours of research and fact-checking. Please take time to thank Kat Tiano, Frank Fine and Bill Kass for a job extremely well done!

*-Susy Law*

### CONVENTION CARD PROTOCOL

It is becoming increasingly common to find people leaving their convention cards on the table with the results of their played hands visible to their opponents. Please remember to keep this information concealed. Procedurally, the ACBL forbids players to inform others of the results on a board, either verbally or in writing. According to ACBL Rules, "When a player accidentally receives unauthorized information about a board he is playing or has yet to play.... the director should be notified forthwith, preferably by the recipient of the information". So if this happens at your table, please ask the player to turn the convention card over or summon the director.

### NEW GAME PROMISES TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS!

Our Unit is now hosting a 0-500 NLM game every Sunday at 1.30pm. The first game on 15th March saw 10 pairs compete in their own section of the Unit Charity Pairs. Congratulations to the winners, Sally Storrs and Carol Dawley!

Every game is followed by either a discussion about the hands or another educational opportunity such as a short lecture. We really hope that this game will be well supported and become a fixture on our calendar. If you have any suggestions for how to improve this game for I/N players, please let us know.

Unit 374 is committed to improving the "bridge experience" for all our players. We hope that all levels of players will come out and support our games on Sunday afternoons.

*-Felix Moore*

### DON'T PLAY DIRTY!

We probably all remember being taught to cover our mouths with our hands whenever we sneezed or coughed. Like bridge conventions, health practices evolve. Now it is recommended to cough or sneeze into a tissue ( which you dispose of) or into your upper sleeve or elbow instead of into your hand or the cards or the air.

Also, out of consideration for others, please remember to wash your hands before leaving the restroom.

Take a minute to think about what you could be wiping onto the playing cards and passing on to other players, and let's keep everyone at the club as healthy as possible.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your new membership directory:

- Louise Daw - 5201 Roma Ave. NE Apt. 425, Albuquerque, NM 87108-1387
- Jane Derlin - (same address) Apt. 4216, Albuquerque, NM 87111-6923
- Elmer Gesell - deceased
- Alan Goldman - Alt: 934-1745
- Jean Lycan - 6451 Kola Ct. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120-4285
- Cynthia Mottle - 657 Roadrunner Ln. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122-1811
- Alan Pope - 4825 Southern Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108-3513
- Joy Sjogren - 505-249-2110
- Patricia Vogel - 505-798-9769
- Lore White - deceased
- Dee Witte - deceased
- Susan Zimmerman, Apt. 11

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- John Altman - PO Box 384, Corrales, NM 87048-0384, 505-205-8047, altmantax@comcast.net
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# Membership Matters

## RANK PROMOTIONS

### **NEW JUNIOR MASTERS**

Amy Henkel  
Nancy Purdy  
Judith Reed  
Philip Sackinger  
Vivian Waldron

### **NEW CLUB MASTERS**

Norma Barney  
Sloan Carr  
Christina Hamilton  
Pat Newman  
Carmen Wesloski

### **NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS**

Jane Butel  
Joseph Freedman  
Mary Hanson  
Toni Kingsley

### **NEW REGIONAL MASTERS**

Charles Eberle

### **NEW NABC MASTERS**

JoAnn Allen  
Craig Kippels

### **NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS**

Shirley Gardner  
Michael Koss  
Jerry Wellman

### **NEW LIFE MASTERS**

Anna Jo Clithero  
Bill Clithero  
Kathryn Erdman  
Pat Gallacher  
Terry Moynihan  
Maris Shepherd

### **NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS**

Kent Jones  
Jim Munroe

### **NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS**

Frank Fine

### **NEW MEMBERS**

John Altman  
Mary Beck  
Mary Ellen Butler  
Joanne Corbett  
Kathryn Faccini  
Kaye Hatch  
Mark Hirsch  
Barb Liebeck  
Becki Lorimer  
Sue Trevor  
Sonja Waldin  
Kathleen Winslow

### **TRANSFERS INTO UNIT**

Marion Ammerman  
Carmen Chavez  
Howard Cring  
Philip Kolehmainen  
Sandy Sheehy McClelland  
Ken Meyers  
Maridell Nochumson  
Vivian Waldron



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COMING UNIT GAMES  
 SCHEDULE

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

**April**

- 5: Pairs Championship
- 12: Pairs Championship
- 19: Pairs Championship
- AWARDS DAY
- 26: GNT Qualifier (Teams)

**May**

- 3: Pairs Championship
- 10: STaC Pairs (Silver pts.)
- 17: Pairs Championship
- 24: GNT Qualifier (Teams)
- 31: Swiss Teams

**June**

- 7: NAOP Qualifier (Pairs)
- 14: ABQ Sectional
- 21: NAOP Qualifier (Pairs)
- 28: Swiss Teams

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