

### WHERE DOES THE FUTURE OF BRIDGE LIE?

By Brenda Simpson

ACBL feels that is with the youth. To attract school age students, ACBL Education Foundation has developed several programs. Our unit has taken advantage of all of these programs.

1. Teaching in the school---A teacher is paid \$350 to teach in the classroom or after school for 16 hours. ACBL also furnishes each student with a Club Series book, a t-shirt, and a trophy for winners in the final tournament.
2. Peer Teaching---After taking lessons, a student can teach a class of at least 8 other students for 16 hours and earn the \$350 stipend PLUS a \$500 scholarship which is put in a trust account for when the student teacher goes to college.
3. Tournament play---The students are encouraged to play in the novice games with others in their point range. These games are shorter in length with fewer boards, fewer masterpoints are awarded, and a longer time is given to play each round.
4. Lessons with parents or grandparent---Classes are offered on Sat. for school age kids to learn to play when there is not a bridge class offered at their school. Parents and grandparents can come also.
5. Reduced game fees and dues---ACBL has reduced fees (\$5.00) for dues if a student takes the class in school. After the first year, the dues are \$14.00. Game fees at national tournaments have been reduced to \$1.00 for under 16 and 1/2 price if 17-25 years of age. Units and clubs are urged to give the same discounts.

What can you do to keep bridge alive? Encourage the youth you see playing at games. Treat them how you would want your child or grandchild to be treated. Have tolerance and patience with the youth as you do with our older players. Volunteer to help with a school bridge program. Support the Junior Fund Games at the local clubs. If YOU are involved in a school system we could use your *help* in setting up classes at local schools.

### Bridge Classes— University of Idaho

By Norma Hols

Bob Probasco and John Sturgul, along with help from Unit 448 officials Kris and Den Motoyoshi, held eight classes on two weekends in January at the University of Idaho for nine full time students. At the end of the class sessions a mini tournament was held. The students who participated in the classes and several senior members of the community helped fill out the 3-table individual movement tournament. The winner received a trophy and all the students went home with a T-shirt along with the Club Series Text, all free and provided by ACBL. Bob will be meeting with the students once a week through April for play and instruction.

The classes and tournament brought a renewed interest in duplicate bridge for some local players who plan to attend the Spokane Regional in October, with one expressing the desire to take the teacher accreditation seminar at that time. Our Unit covers a large geographical area for the number of members, and getting more accredited teachers throughout the area would be a big plus.

The classes were a result of the visit to every club in the Unit by two Board members. When asked what the Unit could do for the clubs, the most frequent response was to have classes held locally. There are now tentative plans to set up a series of classes at Washington State in Pullman with the help of Bob Freeburn.

### ACE OF CLUBS MINI-McKENNEY

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Robert Richard  
Charles Horton  
Catherine Creer

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#### JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

Keri Malone  
Marlys Roberts  
Ron Caferro

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#### CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

John Bouchard  
Martha Hodges  
Patti Kautz

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John Bouchard  
Karen Eveland

#### SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Bob Gellner  
Jane Lyons-Macy  
Mike Coopersmith

Bob Gellner  
Mike Coopersmith  
Mary Gellner

#### REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Margaret Thomas  
Rita Andre  
Roger Twiss

Gary Matsumoto  
Cindy Chase  
Den Motoyoshi

#### NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Louise Saylor  
Betty Vingo  
Craig Thompson

Louise Saylor  
Doris Anderson  
Marty Burdick

#### LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Robert Perry  
Donna Wyatt  
Tom Schongalla

Alison Sturgul  
John Sturgul  
Robert Perry

#### BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Carroll Thorson  
Kris Motoyoshi  
Myrla Walty

Judy Bush  
Carroll Thorson  
Kris Motoyoshi

#### SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Peter Barthels  
Norma Hols  
Bill Rottmayer

Bill Rottmayer  
Peter Barthels  
Bruce Cook

#### GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Brenda Simpson  
Cary Bush

Cary Bush  
Brenda Simpson

#### DIAMOND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Catherine Fergie  
Lynn Hays  
Sally Fahland

Sally Fahland  
Pete Pluhta  
Lynn Hays

#### GRAND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR GARD HAYS

## DUPLICATE TIPS Dos & Don'ts

Types of Pairs Games [Cont.]

### Stratified Pairs

Players from all of the strats play together in the same section. While selling entries, the director tries to equalize the fields by distributing the members of each strat equally among the different sections (when there is more than one section) and between the moving pairs and the stationary pairs within each section.

The game proceeds normally, the difference comes when the scores are tabulated and ranked. In a three-strat game, the scores are ranked three times.

1. The first ranking is done as in a regular open game — the scores of all of the players are considered. These are the Strat A results. **If a B or C pair does well in this ranking, they receive FULL CREDIT for that performance.** It is not all that uncommon for a Strat C pair to place first overall, and when they do, they receive the full masterpoint award for that game.
2. The second ranking compares the scores of only the players designated as Strat B and Strat C pairs — the scores of the Strat A pairs are disregarded. Once, again, if a C pair does well they receive points for their finishing position in the Strat B results.
3. The third and final ranking compares the scores of only the Strat C pairs — all the scores for the Strat A and Strat B pairs are disregarded.

Masterpoints are awarded for all three strats, but a pair is eligible for ONLY one masterpoint award and will receive the HIGHEST AWARD.

## BRUCE'S beyond the basics. . .

### TOURNAMENT TALES by Bruce Cook

Someone once said, "You can learn all the rules of good bridge in about 5 weeks - but it takes you a lifetime to learn when to break them"

Never give declarer a ruff/sluff is a good rule - but look at this hand from Saturday evening session at the Spokane Winter Sectional

Partner leads the AC against the 4H contract. You signal encouragement with the 9C and she continues with the King and ten of clubs. You win the QC and now what?

Take stock. Declarer has presumably seven hearts and three clubs. That leaves three cards in spades and diamonds combined. You can see the Ace and King of spades and the AD in dummy. Ergo, he has no losers in those suits. What if you lead the last club and give declarer the dreaded ruff/sluff? You beat the contract!

If declarer ruffs in dummy with the AH, it sets up pard's QH - and if he ruffs with his JH, pard over ruffs with the QH - and your 9<sup>h</sup> sets up.

North  
S 754  
H 974  
D K75  
C Q942

West	East
S AKJ63	S 10
H A	H KJ106532
D AJ93	D Q8
C 875	C J63

South  
S Q982  
H Q8  
D 10642  
C AK10

Dealer: East  
Both sides vulnerable  
Open Lead: A of Clubs

East	South	West	[YOU]
3 H	Pass	4 H	All Pass

### ACTIVE ETHICS By Bruce Cook

Active ethics award goes to JACKIE BIEL for not allowing my partner to concede a trick that she could not lose. Due to a fortuitous fall of the spot cards, my partner's 8 H had become high—but she did not realize it and conceded the trick.

Jackie refused to take it and verified with the Director that this was correct. What goes around, comes around. This good deed will certainly be reflect in Jackie's Christmas bonus.

Thank you to the following for helping put the Jan/Feb Grand Slammer together: Charlotte Ardiss, Mike Coopersmith, Sue Howe, David Rottmayer, Karen Wilson, Shean Marshall, Keri Malone, Marlys Roberts, David Rottmayer, Roger Twiss, Doris Sutherland & Virginia Boyles.

### ◆◆◆ Just I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer)... ◆◆◆ By Cindy Chase IN Chair

The results of the survey are in and the I/N Committee was overwhelmed by your response. Some had suggested the survey be available in the Grand Slammer but unfortunately, it is too BIG! Those of you who requested survey results and included your email address, you should have received results by now. Please let a committee member know if you are still waiting. Others were mailed in February. The Unit Board has received the entire survey along with recommendations from the I/N Committee and will be discussed at the Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Unit Board meeting.

The I/N Committee would also like to welcome Patti Kautz, as it's newest member. She jumped right in and was a huge help with the February Tournament. George of course, was stupendous as our handsome greeter. "Trump Plethora" was grand slam by Bruce. Thanks also to Ginny Davis for jumping in when we got really busy on Saturday. It was great to see so many of the new players and some old friends coming back to bridge. We hope to see you again in the June Sectional. Stay tuned....

In response to survey questions and concerns, topics will be covered in this column. Two topics that were of interest to the I/N players were mentor games and getting partners for unit and club games. WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!

There is now one dedicated mentor game each week. These games are designed for a Non Life Master player (I/N's like us) to play with an experienced Life Master Player on a regular basis. How do you get a mentor? Contact the game director or one of your favorite teachers to help set you up with a mentor partnership that will be a good "fit" for both of you. Feel free to venture out on your own and simply ask a player that you respect to mentor you. Games are the first and third Wednesday night each month at 6:30 at the Budget INN. Contact Bruce Cook at 838-6971. A new mentor game began in February at the Valley Senior Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings at 6:30. Contact Brenda Simpson at 926-6973. See the Club News page for more information.

We sometimes take it for granted that people know how to get partners. Any player wanting a partner needs to call the director of the game you want to play in. For those who live out of town, it is really convenient to let the director know a couple of days ahead of time to make a partnership arrangement for you. All directors are dedicated to finding you partners-you just need to let them know you need one! The director's phone numbers are listed on the Club page. Don't let a simple thing like "I don't have a partner" keep you away from playing! A phone call by YOU is all it takes. See you at the tables!



CLASSES:  
Margaret Bartline 509/443.7221  
Marcia Brineman 509/624.0736  
Bruce Cook 509/838.6971  
Kris Motoyoshi: 509/466.4249  
Brenda Simpson 509/926.6973

Classes that started in January are ongoing. New schedules will appear in the April issue of the Grand Slammer

# CLUB NEWS

**Deadlines for Club News Corner 2005: Feb 15, April 15, June 15, Aug 15, Oct 15, Dec 15**

Contact Mary Gellner:  
robertgellner@msn.com



**Budget Inn** 110 E 4th Avenue Cascade Rm 509/838.6101  
**Corbin Sr. Ctr.** 827 W Cleveland, Lower South 509/327.1584  
**Paulter Sr. Ctr.** 549 5th Street, Clarkston, WA  
**Stookey's** 211 W. D Street, Moscow, ID  
**Valley Sr. Center** 11423 E Mission Lower Level 509/926.1937

- [1] Budget Inn Kay Fergie 509/838.327
- [2] Budget Inn Margaret Bartline 509/443.7221
- [3] Budget Inn Bruce Cook 509/838.6971
- [4] Corbin Sr. Ctr. Kris Motoyoshi 509/466.4249
- [5] Corbin Sr. Ctr. Phyllis Ewing 509/448.2526
- [6] Corbin Sr. Ctr. David Rottmayer 509/533.9671
- [7] Valley Sr. Ctr. Brenda Simpson 509/926.6973
- [8] Paulter Sr. Ctr. David Schwartz 208/743.2143
- [9] Stookey's Pete Pluhta 509/334.3245

**JFG-Junior Fund Game CC Club Championship Game**  
See below for schedule

**MONDAYS:**

- 10:00 Non Life Master [1] **CC March 14**
- 6:00 2nd and 4th Mondays 0-50 Student Game [4]  
Feb 14 & 28; March 14 & 28; April 11 & 25
- 6:30 1st and 3rd, 5th Mondays Open Handicap [4]
- 6:30 2nd and 4th Mondays Open Game [4] **CC March 7**

**TUESDAYS:**

- 11:00 Open Game [2]
- 12:30 Open Handicap [7]
- 7:15 Open Game [9]

**WEDNESDAYS:**

- 12:30 Open Game [5]
- 6:30 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Mentor Game [3]
- 6:30 2nd and 4th, 5th Wednesdays Open Game [3]  
**JFG Feb 22; CC March 23**

**THURSDAYS:**

- 11:00 Open Game [2] **JFG Feb 24; CC March 3**
- 12:30 Open Masterpoint Race [6]
- 12:30 1st and 3rd Thursdays 0-50 Student Game [4 or 6]  
**JFG Feb 24; CC March 3**
- 1:00 Open Game [8]
- 6:30 Open Handicap Game [7]

**FRIDAYS:**

- 11:00 Open Game [2]

**SATURDAYS:**

- 10:30 Non Sanctioned Open Game [8]
- 12:30 Open Game [1] **JFG Feb 19; CC March 19**

**SUNDAYS:**

- Once a Month various dates Unit Championship Games [6]

**ACBL-wide SENIOR PAIRS**

ONLY held once a year for Seniors Age 55 and up. Hand analyses have been prepared by John Ashton, Tournament Director. Winners will receive Sectional-rated BLACK Masterpoints AND the top pair nationwide will be announced in *The Bridge Bulletin*. Final determination of winners will be made soon after 3/10/2005 when the February monthly club reports are due.

This year's game is **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 2:00 pm AT SAM'S BRIDGE CLUB, Corbin Senior Center, 827 W Cleveland, Lower South.** Call Kris to register your partnership or if you need a partner. 466-4249

**New Masterpoint Levels: Dec 2004/Jan 2005**

**Junior:** Cristina Gallotti  
Beth Lester  
Charles Macomber  
Kathleen Putnam  
Mary Carr

**Club:** Catherine Creer  
**Sectional:** Janet Tamura  
**Bronze LM:** SCOTTY DILL

**New Members and Transfer Ins:**

**NM:** Connie Coopersmith  
Eileen Hendon  
Ann Sanders

**2005 Unit 448 Board Members**  
[term ends] [\* non voting member]

Bill Rottmayer [06]	President; NAP & GNT Coordinator	509/456-3769
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Norma Hols [07]	Secretary	509/535.0772
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Bob Gellner [07]	Tournament Chair	509/464.4412
Mike Coopersmith [06]	Property	509/466.4404
Pat Charles [05]	Conduct & Ethics	509/927.1011
Den Motoyoshi [05]	Nomination	509/466-4249
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Marcia Brineman [05]	Unit Hospitality	509/624.0735
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Unit Game Sunday, February 20 1:00 PM Youth Month  
 Game Fee \$5.50

**UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:**

Held at Corbin Senior Center, 827 W Cleveland, Henderson Room \*unless otherwise noted

<b>2005</b>		<b>BOARD MEETINGS:</b>
February 20	1:00 one session pairs YOUTH MONTH	<b>2/20 11:30 AM</b>
March 13	1:00 & 5:00 AWARDS GAME & POTLUCK	<b>3/13 11:30 AM</b>
April 17	1:00 one session pairs	<b>4/17 11:30 AM</b>
May 22	1:00 and TBA Two Session Swiss Team & POTLUCK	<b>5/22 11:30 AM</b>
June 12	5:00 one session pairs	<b>6/12 3:30 AM</b>
July 10	5:00 one session pairs	<b>7/10 3:30 AM</b>
August 21	5:00 one session pairs	<b>8/21 3.30 AM</b>
September 11	1:00 NAP Qualifying Game	<b>9/11 11:30 AM</b>
	4:00 PM Annual membership mtg & voting	
	5:00 Unit Game	
October	NO UNIT GAME OR BOARD MEETING	<b>Oct No Meeting</b>
November 6	1:00 & 5:00 PM 2 ses CHARITY GAME	<b>11/6 11:30</b>
December 4	* Unit Christmas Party TBA	<b>12/4 No Meeting</b>

**UNIT 448, DISTRICT 19 WEB SITE**

<http://www.d19.org/units/Unit448>

Spokane Web Master: Don Gallaher

**Spokane Lilac Sectional June 3 – 5, 2005**

Knights of Columbus 203 East Boone Spokane WA  
 Canadian Dollar at Par



**Friday, June 3**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session  
 7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

**Saturday, June 4**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
 7:00 Stratified Pairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

**Sunday, June 5**

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams  
 Two Sessions

Stratum: 0-500; 500-1500; 1500+

**Intermediate/Newcomer Events**

**Friday, June 3**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session  
 7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

**Saturday, June 4**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session  
 7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

**Sunday, June 5**

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams  
 One Session

I/N Events Stratum: 0—10; 10-50; 50-100

**Tournament Director**  
 Matt Koltnow

**Tournament Coordinator**  
 Jodi Kimbrell

**Tournament Equipment**  
 Mike Coopersmith

**Tournament Greeter**  
 George Bailey

**Partnership Chairs**  
 Sally Grant 509.924.0885  
 Donna Carter 509.325.9551

**I/N Partnership Chair**  
 Cindy Chase 509.466.5428

**Tournament Chair**  
 Bob Gellner 509.464.4412  
[robertgellner@msn.com](mailto:robertgellner@msn.com)

**March 13 Unit Game 1:00 & 5:00 2 session Potluck and Recognition Game. Honored will be the recipients of the ACE OF CLUBS, MINI McKENNEY and McLANE TROPHY**

**Board Meeting Synopsis**

New Officers: President Bill Rottmayer, VP Marty O'Malley, Secretary Norma Hols; Treasurer Cindy Chase. Treasurer's report beginning of 2004 \$6,589 and year end is \$6,145. Rent for 2005 Sectionals have been paid in 2004. Unit subsidized the Christmas party in the amount of \$243. Marcia Brineman will fulfill the 1 year term of resigning Board Member Lefty Lewis. Membership Myrlla Walty; Recorder Bruce Cook; Tournament Coordinator Jodi Kimbrell; Hospitality Marcia Brineman, Discipline Pat Charles, I/N coordinator Cindy Chase; Education Liaison Brenda Simpson, NAP and GNT coordinator Bill Rottmayer; Property Mike Coopersmith, Electronic Contact Kris Motoyoshi.