

Robin Brineman Memorial Trophy Race (0—300 Unit Games)

0—49	50—199	200—299
Barb Strole 2.19	Beverly Cordier 2.25	Patti Kautz 0.67
Susan Foster 2.19	Bob Richards 1.13	
Myrna Davis 1.43	Beth Lester 1.12	
Helen Wilson 1.29	Janice Jones 0.96	
Pat St. John 1.18	Bob Fried 0.96	
Ann Sanders 0.89	Marlys Roberts 0.81	
Gregg Rathvon 0.88	Fred Gilbert 0.81	
B J Kolkman 0.77	Bob Kautz 0.67	
Ann Figg 0.51	Janet Tamura 0.63	
Kay Putman 0.51		

McLane Trophy Race (Open Unit Games)

Over 1000 MPs	300-1000 MPs
Jodi Kimbrell 26.92	Sam Culley 13.46
Pete Pluhta 24.11	Gary Singer 9.23
Bill Rottmayer 16.36	Doyle Crook 9.08
Lynn Hays 16.36	Mike Coopersmith 8.88
Gard Hays 15.67	Bob Gellner 8.78
Donna Dechenne 13.46	Myrla Walty 6.55
Sybil Broughton-Lucks 10.81	Kris Motoyoshi 6.18
Norma Hols 10.80	V. Louise Saylor 5.94
Sally Fahland 9.52	Eloise Whitehead 4.86
David Corn 6.46	David Barr 4.63

50-300 MPs	0-50- MPs
Catherine Creer 11.81	Connie Coopersmith 2.89
Massimo Gallotti 9.97	Carol Ford 2.19
Ginny Davis 7.73	Myrna Davis 1.88
Cristina Gallotti 6.56	Kathleen Putman 0.90
Fred Gilbert 3.25	Susan Foster 0.84
Keri Malone 2.80	Sandy Boyer 0.78
Jacqui Escott 2.77	Ann Sanders 0.66
Joan Jans 2.39	Helen Wilson 0.66
Jerry Hensley 2.37	Kevin Foster 0.39
Richard Oberdorfer 2.05	Rachel Denk 0.39

New Masterpoint Levels: Sep/Oct

Junior Master: Rita Cooney, Bill Foster, Carolyn Grove, Dottie Larson, Betsy Williams

Club Master:

Sectional Master:

Regional Master: Robert Richards

NABC Master: Keri Malone

Life Master: Diane Bear, Sam Culley, John Bouchard

Silver Life Master: Judy Bush, Myrla Walty

New Members and Transfers In

NM: Ken Carmer, Ron Kolkman, Virginia Cavagnaro, Penny Mayosky

TI: James Lindemann

GRAND SLAMMER DEADLINES

Feb 15, April 15, June 15, Aug 15 Oct 15, Dec 15

From the Outgoing President Norma Hols

Many thanks to **Doris Anderson** for her years as tournament coordinator and the success of her last event, the Christmas party. **Jackie Biel** and **JoAnn Brown** are taking over the job and I know everything is in good hands. Volunteers are always needed to help with tournaments, so don't be shy.

Congratulations to the four elected unit board members, **Sybil Broughton-Lucks, Beverly Cordier, Ron Krueger** and **Marlys Roberts**. I wish the new board well, and have confidence that we will all help to make their terms successful and rewarding.

The membership rosters were handed out at the Christmas Party/Membership meeting. They will also be available at the various clubs. If there is an error in a listing, please notify the "Grand Slammer" editor (Marty Burdick, 255-9632 or burdick4@air-pipe.com) and a correction will be made in the next issue. Members can then correct their own rosters. Because of the privacy laws and practices, for the 2009 roster a form will be supplied to every member to list what they do or don't want listed. A name will not be included if a member doesn't agree.

I appreciate all the support the Unit Board has given to me in the last year, and also the interesting suggestions and help from the membership. Keep the good ideas coming.

New Email addresses for board members

Ron Krueger	rwakrueger@yahoo.com
Marlys Roberts	bussandmarlys@copper.net
Doris Anderson	Bud4Doris@msn.com
Beverly Cordier	bjcordier@msn.com

CORRECTION CORNER-PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOW REVISIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Donna Dechenne's phone number is (509)844-7330
Joan Jans-Haupt's phone number is (509)448-5731
Janet Tamura's phone number is (509)534-9280

Please add Fred Emry, Spokane, (509)747-5708.

The June unit game is June 8, not June 1.

Interview with Kris Motoyoshi, one of our bridge community's most familiar face

By Joan Jans-Haupt

In 1947, Kris Motoyoshi was born in Grand Junction, Colorado to Sam and Doris (Domoto) Matsumoto. Sibling Paula was born nine years later, while brother Sam is twelve years younger than Kris. During World War II, Kris's dad served in US Army Intelligence while her mom lived in a relocation camp in Minnesota. Kris's early years were spent in Denver, where her mother and sister live now.

Kris's introduction to bridge was early and intensive. Her dad took her to tournaments and club games. Her interest in teaching bridge began when she was asked to assist her dad in beginning bridge courses. Kris recently found a teaching certificate of her dad's that was signed by Charles Goren. Speaking of Goren, during those early bridge years, Kris met him and shook his hand.

Kris attended what is now the University of Denver—skipping a final exam one time to play bridge. Her first employment was with house counsel for Allstate Insurance Co. Her next job was with Western Airlines. The airline employment rules were much different then for women. They had to wear girdles, to not wear glasses, and to be single. As soon as the latter rule was lifted, she and Den married in 1972. After flying for three years, Kris returned to working with attorneys.

Den accepted a transfer to Spokane with Safeco Insurance in 1975. Following the adoption of two children (now in their twenties and non-bridge players), Kris took a fifteen-year break from bridge playing. Den had to learn to play bridge just to be part of the family, according to Kris. "All the family gatherings were at my parents' home where we would eat, watch t.v. And play bridge all day long." Den is supportive of Kris's bridge commitments and, when it is not Steelhead season, willing to help with the games.

A near-death medical experience a few years ago caused Kris to re-evaluate what she wanted to do with her life. She began to devote her time to church activities and to building Sam's Bridge Club, turning her avocation into a vocation. The beginning was slow, she remembers, running two-table games, and teaching only two and three students at a time. Still after so many classes and students, Kris says that she takes a great deal of joy when she sees the "aha" moment on a student's face while tacking a bridge problem.

Kris and her dad had talked about running a bridge club together. Although they were not able to do that (he died in 1985), Kris named her club, "Sam's Bridge Club" in his honor and feels that he is watching over her now saying, "You go, girl." In addition to the many classes that she teaches, Kris has been active in the wider bridge world. She has served on the Unit Board, is a District 19 Eastern Washington representative and the American Bridge Teachers' Association President for the next two years.

Kris is grateful for the opportunities for growth and for the many friends that she has met through bridge. Their relationships are special to her, believing that there is a reason all have come into her life.

Put Your Partner In The Defense

by Rod Paxton

Basic Maxims for Accurate and Enjoyable Defense

- You are not the only one defending.
- Every hand is totally separate and equally important, Defending 2S is just as crucial and as much a conquest as bidding and making a slam.
- Each card and the order it is played tells a story.
- Give your partner as full and as correct carding as available.
- Listen to the bidding - picture what the high cards and distribution most likely are. Be flexible as the hand develops.

Try to plan and think as if you were the declarer. This can make it easier to picture the correct defense.

Defense requires a solid partnership understanding. Review and discuss your lead and carding agreements. You are on defense half the time. Below is a checklist of some of the leading and carding agreements that you and your partner may need to discuss.

Defensive Checklist Vs. Suits and Vs. No Trump

- Opening length leads: Who has bid the suit – you? your partner? the opponents? Do you have values in the suit?
- Opening Honor Card Leads: Ace or King (does length matter)? Queen? Jack? Ten? Nine?
- Middle Of Hands Leads: Count only? Attitude only? Suit preference?
- Count: Do you always give count? Is count in the trump suit different? When should you give false count?
- Attitude: When is it used?
- Suit Preference: When is it used? How strong a signal does it give and does it demand that partner to switch to that suit?
- Discards: If standard what does standard mean?

There is of course, almost no end to what you and even your casual partners could or should discuss. Even a simple and short review would be a great help. The first and most (as in absolute) important thought is to try to help partner in every way that you can. All 13 cards that you have in your hand are of utmost importance as is the order in which you play them. Giving and receiving correct information and then being able to achieve positive results is truly the joy of defense and the game of bridge.

Defend together, bridge is a partnership game!

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CLUB NEWS



***Unit members would like to express their "thanks" to Dick Yager and Pete Pluhta for holding Gold Point Games for customer appreciation month this past October.

- [1] Quality Inn Kay Fergie 509/838.3270
- [2] Quality Inn Dick Yager 509/998-7390
- [3] Quality Inn Kris Motoyoshi 509/466.4249
- [4] Quality Inn Phyllis Ewing 509/448.2526
- [5] Quality Inn Mike Coopersmith 509/466-4404
- [6] Spok Valley Brenda Simpson 509/926.6973
- [7] Masonic Lodge Robert Boyer 208/743.3855
- [8] Paulter Sr. Ctr. Karen Eveland 208/798-3092
- [9] Stookey's Pete Pluhta 509/334.3245
- [10] Quality Inn David Rottmayer 509/533-9671

MONDAYS:

- 10:00 [1] Non Life Master (Kay's Games)
- 6:30 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)

TUESDAYS:

- 11:00 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)
- 11:00 [6] Open Handicap (BWB)
- 6:30 [3] Tuesday Open Game (Sam's BC)
- 7:15 [9] Open Game

WEDNESDAYS:

- 12:30 [4] Open Game (Spokane BC)
- 6:30 [3] 0-100 Student/Mentor Game (Sam's BC)

THURSDAYS:

- 12:30 [3] Open Game (Sam's BC)
- 1:00 [8] Open Game
- 6:00 [6] Open Handicap Game (BWB)

FRIDAYS:

- 11:00 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)

SATURDAYS:

- 10:30 [7] Non Sanctioned Invitational Game
- 12:30 [1] Open Game (Kay's Games)

SUNDAYS:

- 1:00 [5] Last Sunday of Every Month TEAM GAME

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT GAME UPDATE

WHO: Students with 0-100 master points
WHAT: Game designed to transition students into club games
WHEN: Wednesdays--6:00 p.m. chalk talk; 6:30 p.m. game
WHERE: Quality Inn Game Room

In the past year and a half, the game overseen by a rotating slate of directors and teachers has averaged 3-4 tables on student-only nights (first and fourth Wednesdays) and 5-6 on mentor nights (second and third Wednesdays).

More mentors are needed as the number of students outnumber current volunteers. Kris Motoyoshi suggests, "If you would like to return to bridge what bridge has given you, become a mentor."

To volunteer or for more information, contact Kris at 466.4249.

LEADERBOARD

ACE OF CLUBS		MINI-McKINNEY	
		0-5	
B J Kolkman	34.84	B J Kolkman	47.92
		5-20	
Myrna Davis	16.00	Myrna Davis	21.56
		20-50	
Ann Sanders	28.52	Ann Sanders	34.61
		50-100	
Beverly Cordier	31.69	Beverly Cordier	43.06
		100-200	
Massimo Gallotti	74.06	Massimo Gallotti	117.48
		200-300	
Catherine Creer	91.13	Catherine Creer	186.53
		300-500	
Jane Lyons-Macy	72.55	Ronald Krueger	94.84
		500-1000	
R.G. Gellner	61.19	Marshall Mah	141.34
		1000-2500	
William Rottmayer	125.27	William Rottmayer	386.30
		2500-5000	
Brenda Simpson	54.89	Jodi Kimbrell	154.11
		5000-7500	
Catherine Fergie	125.98	Sally Fahland	261.63
		OVER 10,000	
	92.71	Gard Hays (17,800+)	683.90

Bridge with Brenda

Help wanted-volunteers to help 6th graders learn bridge at N. Pines Middle School from 3:30-5:30 Mon thru Thur Jan 7-17.

2008 Winter Lesson Schedule

Mon Jan 7	Beginner/Brush up	1:00-3:00
Tue Jan 8	Beginner/Brush up	6:00-8:00
Wed Jan 9	Competitive Bidding	10:00-12:00
		"Woman's Club"
Thur Jan 10	Review of Bidding	10:00-12:00
Fri Jan 11	Beginner/Brush up	10:00-12:00
		Jewett House Cd'A
Sat Jan 2	Commonly Used Conv	10:00-1:00
8 Week Courses. \$10 per lesson or 8 for \$65. Book is extra.		
Classes held at Spokane Partners 10814 E Broadway. Ph 926-6973		



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ACBL www.acbl.org

Next Unit Game:

Held at Quality Inn, 110 E 4th Avenue
January 6, 2008 One Session Pairs
February 3, 2008 1:00PM Junior Fund

2007 Unit Board Members

President Norma Hols 535-0772
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Grand Slammer Marty Burdick 255-9632
Property: Mike Coopersmith

Spokane Winter Sectional

February 8, 9, 10, 2008

Knights of Columbus 302 E Boone, Spokane WA

Open Events

Open Stratum 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+

Friday Feb 8

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

Saturday Feb 9

1:00 Stratified Pairs, First Session
7:00 Stratified Pairs, Second Session

Sunday Feb 10

10:00/TBA Stratified Teams,
Two Sessions

Partnership Chair:

Dotti Davis 509/926-9238

Guest Speaker Saturday Feb 9-

Dee Berry, time tbd

Intermediate/Newcomer Events:

I/N Stratum: 0-10, 10-50, 50-100

Friday Feb 8

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

Saturday Feb 9

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

FREE PLAY

1:00 0-5 Pairs, One Session

Sunday, Feb 10

10:00/TBA Swiss Teams,
Two Sessions

Partnerships I/N Events:

Ann Figg 509/468.2652
skipandann@yahoo.com

Sanction No S0802053

Tournament Director: Matt Koltnow

Tournament Equipment: Mike Coopersmith

**Tournament Chairs: JoAnn Brown 465-8218
Jackie Biel 624-8782**

2008 Unit 448 Championship Games

Quality Inn, 110 E 4th Ave, Spokane

January 6, 2008 1:00 pm One Session

February 3, 2008 1:00 PM Junior Fund
One Session \$1.00 Add'l

March 9, 2008 1:00 and 5:00 Two Session
Awards Game

April 6, 2008 1:00 One Session

May 11, 2008 1:00 and 5:00 Two Session
Team Game

June 8, 2008 5:00 One Session

July – no game

August 3, 2008 5:00 One Session

September 7, 2008 1:00 One Session

October 5, 2008 1:00 & TBA \$1 extra –
Charity Game

November 2, 2008 1:00 One Session

December 14 – Christmas Party

Club Championship Games:

Kay's Club(Mon) January 21
Kay's Club(Sat Aft) January 19
Sam's BCTues January 8
Sam's BC WedPM January 9
Sam's BC ThurAft January 10
Spokane BC WedAft January 23

Youth Month

Feb 25
Feb 12
Feb 13
Feb 14
Feb 27