

GRAND SLAMMER - DISTRICT 19 UNIT 448
Jan 2009

MESSAGE FROM RON KRUEGER, PRESIDENT

At a preliminary election held on December 12, my fellow board members did me the honor of electing me president for 2009. Other officers elected were:

- ⇒ Vice president: Mike Coopersmith
- ⇒ Treasurer: Doyle Crook
- ⇒ Assistant Treasurer: Ann Figg
- ⇒ Secretary: Keri Malone

I look forward to working with this fine team and other members of the board in furthering the interests of Unit 448. I salute outgoing president Doris Anderson. She stepped-in mid-year and did an admirable job.

Committee appointments made at the Board meeting on January 11 were:

- ⇒ Hospitality Chair--Barb Strole
- ⇒ Charity Chair--Bob Probasco
- ⇒ Disciplinary Chair--Norma Hols
- ⇒ Recorder--Jackie Biel
- ⇒ Tournament Coordinator--Mike Coopersmith
- ⇒ Intermediate/Novice Chair--Marlys Roberts
- ⇒ Education Liaison--Brenda Simpson
- ⇒ North American Pairs Coordinator--Bill Rottmayer
- ⇒ Electronic Contact--Kris Motoyoshi
- ⇒ Co-Webmasters--Bob Gellner and Cindy Chase
- ⇒ Christmas Party Chair--Bev Cordier
- ⇒ Property Chair-- Mike Coopersmith

Unit 448 2008 Masterpoint Races (Updated 1/9/9 for top 2 scorers)

	Mini-McKenney		Ace of Clubs	
0 to 5	Barbara Womack	26.31	Barbara Womack	19.58
	Dianne Wilson	21.96	Dianne Wilson.	16.20
5 to 20	Greg Rathvon	25.52	Ken Carmer	20.42
	Ken Carmer	20.42	Dottie Larson	17.00
20 to 50	Barb Strole	102.57	Barb Strole	51.08
	Myrna Davis	45.24	Myrna Davis	30.72
50 to 100	B J Kolkman	70.33	B J Kolkman	54.21
	Arlene Steinman	33.67	Arlene Steinman	32.25
100 to 200	Robert Wilson	114.08	Robert Wilson	54.87
	Marlys Roberts	35.47	Marlys Roberts	30.59
200 to 300	Keri Malone	92.52	Keri Malone	58.44
	Robert Richards	68.80	Robert Richards	57.46
300 to 500	Catherine Creer	184.02	Catherine Creer	84.39
	Massimo Gallotti	113.27	Jane Lyons-Macy	78.26
500 to 1000	Robert Probasco	138.58	Robert Probasco	84.69
	Marshall Mah	118.25	Marshall Mah	81.05
1000 to 2500	James Lindemann	369.51	Sybil Lucks	87.03
	David Rottmayer	205.97	Peter Barthels	81.98
2500 to 5000	William Rottmayer	405.11	William Rottmayer	136.60
	Jodi Kimbrell	157.42	Jodi Kimbrell	67.00
5000 to 7500	Sally Fahland	401.44	Catherine Fergie	127.44
	Lynn Hays	228.21	Sally Fahland	81.05
Over 10,000	G Gard Hays	962.52	G Gard Hays	107.92

2009 Unit Championship Games

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
Jan 11	1 pm	1-session
Feb 15	1 pm	Junior Fund;
		1-session; \$1 extra
Mar 29	1 pm & 5 pm	Awards game;
		2-session
Apr 19	1 pm	1-session
May 24	1 pm & 5 pm	Team game;
		2-session
Jun 28	1 pm	1-session
Aug 2	1 pm	1-session
Sep 20	1 pm	1-session
Oct 18	1 pm & TBA	Charity game;
		\$1 extra; 2-session
Nov 15	1 pm	1-session
Dec 6	TBA	Xmas Party,
		1-session

Location

Sons of Norway Hall,
6710 N. Country Homes Blvd
Spokane, WA

Bill Rottmayer is our new District 19 Representative. Thank you Kris Motoyoshi for all the years you have served the District in this position.

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BRIDGE LESSONS – 2009

Brenda Simpson – (509-926-6973) All classes start the week of January 12 and run for 8 weeks. The fee is \$95 for the entire 8-weeks (including the text book) or \$10 per session and \$15 for the text book.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Monday:	10-12 am	Common Conventions	Spokane Club, Monroe and Riverside,
2. Monday:	1-3 pm	Play of the Hand	
3. Wednesday:	10-12 am	Beginning/Refresher Course	
4. Thursday:	10-12 am	Defense for the Advancing Player	Opportunity Presbyterian Church N. 202 Pines
5. Saturday:	10-12 am	Eddie Kantar's Counting Your Hand (for advancing players)	1204 N. Mullin, Associated Property Realty Office

Kris Motoyoshi – required text can be purchased from instructor for \$15 at class – to register call SFCC 509-533-3140.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Thursday:	6-8 pm Jan 15 to Mar 5	Bridge Club Series – Beginner	Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC) Bldg 24 – Room 203 – \$60 – 16 hours (Class #6586 – Recr 101)
2. Wednesday:	6-8 pm Jan 14 to Mar 4	Bridge Diamond Series	SFCC – Bldg 24 – Room 203 – \$60 – 16 hours (Class #6587 – Recr 101)
3. Monday:	6-8 pm Jan 12 to Mar 16	Bridge Heart Series	SFCC – Bldg 24 – Room 203 – \$60 – 16 hours (Class #6588 – Recr 101)
4. Arranged:	TBA	Bridge Tournament	Sams Bridge Club – \$10 – 3 _ hours (Class #6589 – Recr 101)

SPOKANE WINTER SECTIONAL

Sons of Norway – 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd – Spokane, WA

February 6, 7, 8 -- 2009

PARKING

No parking in the **lower level lot** at any time.

Additional parking is available after 5 pm Friday at the Dental offices next door and at the **5 Mile Mall**

I/N DIVISION (0-300 pts)

Dick Yager is your Director.

TOURNAMENT SPEAKER

Our speaker on Saturday 7 from 10 to Noon is **Dee Berry** on “**Handling Those Pesky Misfits.**”

Come early for coffee and donuts.

Setting the Table

Over breakfast Igotta and Ineeda were heatedly discussing the “right way” to finish off a hand of bridge – both by the declarer and the defenders. Ineeda’s breakfast was the Everything Omelet with breakfast potatoes, pancakes, butter (horseradish on the side). Igotta had chicken-fried steak with gravy, hash brown potatoes and pancakes, butter and Tabasco sauce. Meals guaranteed to sharpen the repartee.

“SO!” Igotta said, “I know the laws. It’s 68 and 70 or something like that. They require that a declarer claim as soon as possible so the defenders don’t get annoyed. I’ve seen the finals of Knock Outs. Every hand is claimed after playing half the tricks so defenders don’t get annoyed. And so everyone can finish on time. And in those finals, nobody challenged the claims. It’s the way it’s supposed to be done. Half the time the defenders conceded even before the declarer could claim.”

“NO!” Ineeda said, “The rules are 68 through 71, I think. And they don’t say you have to claim. They talk about how not to claim. You should claim! You should claim as soon as you’re confident of the outcome of the balance of the tricks. Claiming saves time! It’s a courtesy to opponents, not a duty. But I don’t think it’s always smart to claim. Sometimes by playing out the cards opponents give away tricks because they haven’t followed the card-play enough to hold onto the right cards at the end of the hand.” Ineeda chewed some more potatoes and horseradish before adding, “And you should always state your line of play. I do. I say all the trumps are out and I’ll take these tricks and how. Nobody’s ever challenged my claim. Chomp, Chomp!”

“What are you saying! Last Monday, we were playing together and you claimed by, uh – laying down your hand like it was the Hope Diamond. Iwanna was about to lead to your dummy. You said nothing! Iwanna still had trump. Don’t you remember? The Director was called. She forced you to play the hand out. It was embarrassing and took so long. I had no idea what was going on, but I saw you lose some of the final tricks.”

“Okay! So I should have been on lead to declare. Ending a deal is like dancing; there are steps. I was doing a mamba that day when I should have been waltzing.”

IwanNa Claim

1. Claiming is a courtesy and it saves time. But you have to be on lead to declare or concede.
2. **Claiming takes more bridge skill.** You have to state a **line of play**. A line of play means **accounting** to the opponents for everything that can possibly happen with the unplayed cards. In other words, Declarer should show the order of the play for the outstanding cards.
 - A. Play stops after a claim or concession. All play after a claim or concession shall be voided by the Director.
 - B. Claiming requires Declarer to **account** for all of the outstanding trump.
 - C. If side suits are to produce tricks – Declarer also has to **account** for outstanding high cards in the appropriate suits.
 - D. If any player (including dummy) doesn’t accept the claim, Declarer is required to play the hand out as stated in the claim.
 - E. If any player (including dummy) contests the claim the Director should be called to the table. The Director determines who wins contested tricks by first requiring Declarer to repeat the claim statement. Then all hands are faced. Lastly objections to the claim are voiced. This is when a Director’s judgment of opponent’s opportunity to win a trick favors opponents. This is when a statement of claim that omits every outstanding card favors opponents.
3. One opponent’s concession doesn’t obligate their partner but it can give away valuable information.

When a claim is done correctly, it’s pretty impressive!

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