

ELECTION RESULTS:

Congratulations to new Unit 448 Board Members DOLORES ARNOLD, BOB GELLNER, MYRLA WALTY, and NORMA HOLS. All the new board members have been invited to attend board meetings through the end of the year. They officially take their new positions and will be ratified at the January meeting.

Great big thanks goes to outgoing members who have served anywhere from 2-6 years. LYNN HAYS, EVELYN LEWIS, KRIS MOTOYOSHI and DAVID ROTTMAYER.

Education Liaison, Brenda Simpson

The unit held their 2nd Unit Growth Seminar "Let's Grow Bridge" on Oct 30th at the downtown Oxford Suites. The last one held was 5 years ago. Lots of changes have happened since that last all day workshop. The ACBL presenter, Marilyn Fleischland, was complimentary on some of the programs that are being done by the clubs and the unit. We have a good presence with 4 of our teachers being members of ABTA (American Bridge Teachers Association). Our unit is actively recruiting new members by assisting with funds for teacher education and new lesson advertising. It was exciting to learn that our Novice program at tournaments is one of the few in the state that has a committee that has been soliciting funds from sponsors, having raffles, and helping at the tournaments to have our new players get the best hospitality possible.

It was also interesting to learn that Spokane is not unique with some of our problems. This is why ACBL pays for a presenter to come to the local areas to try to suggest methods and ideas that have worked elsewhere. She showed us how to recognize what personality type we were and how we can best work with others. Marilyn had lots of materials from ACBL that she gave out to help the unit officers, club managers, directors, and committee members to assist in their job descriptions and responsibilities. Communication seems to be one area that our clubs can work on. Hopefully the Slammer can help with most of the news from the unit and the clubs. Also, volunteer recognition and recruitment are vital to keep our unit members from burning out. Have you noticed that the same people do all the work? You can help! There are a lot of committees that will be forming in Jan. with the new board. Let a board member know you'd like to assist. There are no closed committees. You can help in any area you'd like. Let's have a new beginning this new year and work towards cooperation and trust. Let the past be forgotten and keep bridge alive and well in Spokane.

Thank you to all who attended and spent the day to help promote this game of bridge that we love.

Kay's Club, Maggi's Games Have Moved To The BUDGET INN

BY Mike Coopersmith

Old and established clubs are now at a new location, the Budget Inn at 110 E 4th Ave. Spokane. **Kay's Monday and Saturday Games, Bruce's Wednesday night, and Margaret's Tuesday, Thursday and Friday games are all now located at Budget Inn.** From this player's perspective the lower 6th Avenue location was more convenient but Budget Inn has the advantage of more disabled parking, more rest rooms, plus the availability of a hot lunch Monday thru Friday and the bar (downstairs) will be open for Wednesday nights (for the discussion of hands played?). The room located on the main floor has room for twelve tables comfortably but could play fifteen when necessary. Let's support these clubs and make it necessary to leave fifteen tables always set up.

2004 Unit 448 Charity Raffle a Big Success

Thanks to all who contributed items for the raffle/silent auction and to those who purchased tickets and/or bid on the silent auction items, we were able to present a check for \$631.40 to Ogden Hall Shelter for Women and Children. \$26.40 of this total came from the extra that the players had to pay for this charity game. The raffle ticket sales amounted to \$349 and the silent auction netted \$256. Looks like next year's charity event should have more items for the silent auction.

MC LANE TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2004Over 1000 MPs

19.55 Hays, Gard
 18.93 Kimbrell, Jodi
 14.43 Pluhta, Pete
 13.19 Rottmayer, William
 12.51 Cook, Bruce
 11.34 Barthels, Peter
 9.85 Gallaher, Don
 9.39 Hols, Norma
 8.92 Dechenne, Donna
 7.91 O'Malley, Kathy

300-1000 MPs

10.77 Saylor, Vivian
 7.91 O'Malley, Marty
 7.25 Rider, Marilyn
 6.68 Bush, Judy
 5.90 Motoyoshi, Kris
 5.58 Wimett, Ken
 5.58 Wimett, Swanda
 4.89 Colwell, Bob
 4.18 Alduajj, Latif
 3.79 Whitehead, Eloise

50-300 MPs

7.68 Culley, Sam
 6.92 Jans, Joan
 5.06 Motoyoshi, Den
 4.07 Baker, Linda
 3.93 Matsumoto, Gary
 3.86 Gellner, Bob
 3.79 Anderson, Doris
 3.45 Gellner, Mary
 3.23 Grant, Sally
 2.74 Coopersmith, Mike

0-50 MPs

2.64 Roberts, Marlys
 2.36 Eveland, Karen
 2.31 Marshall, Shean
 2.03 Hauck, Emily
 1.93 Bucher, Roma
 1.86 Tamura, Janet
 1.84 Kautz, Patti
 1.45 Bouchard, John
 1.24 Williamson, Kathy
 1.14 Gallotti, Cristina

DUPLICATE TIPS Dos & Don'ts

Types of Pairs Games

In a pair game, you and your partner play together throughout the event against a series of opponents. Your "real" opponents, however, are sitting in your direction. They are the players who hold the same cards as you and whose results you are trying to beat.

Your bridge scores are compared with the bridge scores of those other pairs (called matchpointing) and your total matchpoint score is determined by adding together the Matchpoints you earn on each deal.

Some adjustments have been made to pair games to make it possible for new and less-experienced players to earn masterpoints. The most common methods are stratifying, flighting, and handicapping. Most pair event events are stratified.

STRATIFIED Pairs: All of the pairs entered in the event compete against each other but are ranked only with their peers. Each pair is assigned a stratum or "strat" based on the masterpoint holding of the partner who has more masterpoints.

For example, suppose Strat A is for players with 50 to 100 MP; Strat B is for players with 20 to 50 and Strat C is for players with 0 to 20. The more experienced players, those with 50 to 100 masterpoints, would be designated as Strat A, the newest players, those with 0 to 20 would be designated as Strat C and the Strat B players would be those who currently have earned between 20 to 50 MP. Sometimes there are only two strats and very rarely as many as four, but the concept remains the same. (cont next issue)

BRUCE'S beyond the basics. . .

Dlr:North ♠ 3 2
 Vul:Both ♠ A J 6
 ♣ Q 10 8
 ♣ J 9 6 5 4
 ♠ J 5 4 ♠ Q 10 9 8
 ♠ 7 3 2 ♠ K 10 9 8
 ♣ 7 6 5 ♣ K J 9 2
 ♣ K 8 7 3 ♣ 2
 ♠ A K 7 6
 ♠ Q 5 4
 ♣ A 4 3
 ♣ A Q 10

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

My apologies to Bruce for inserting the wrong material in last month's issue. Kris

Dear Gabby: I believe that I have an undeserved reputation for being cheap. I prefer to call it frugal. Is it being cheap to wait until game time to buy your entry? The Directors might have a half table and offer us a free play to fill the section.

I do admit that I was frugal on this hand. West lead the 3 of clubs against my 3NT and I just had to win the ten. Who would win with the Ace when you don't have to? Sincerely Jack

Dear My Benny: Come on Jack. You're so cheap, you squeak. You still drive a Maxwell! Remember when you took a week to decide, when the robber asked you, "Your money or your life?"

You must win the first trick with the Ace, then lead the Queen. If West Ducks, continue with the ten, and overtake with the Jack if he ducks again. That way you get 4 clubs, one diamond, and two hearts and two spades. Making three instead of down one.

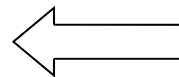
Section A Open Pairs OVERALL RESULTS

A	B	C
1		5.31(OA) Marilyn Rider - David Corn
2		3.98(OA) G Gard Hays - D. Neil Fitzgerald
3	1	2.99(OA) Lea Rogers - A Kuo
4	2	2.91(SA) Kathy O'Malley - Marty O'Malley
5		1.68(OA) Cary Bush - Judy Bush
6		1.26(OA) Elaine Barnes - Dolores Arnold
	3	1.80(OC) Donna Carter - Rita Andre
	4	1.19(OB) Corrine Snedker - Craig Thompson
	5	1.35(OC) Eloise Whitehead - Scotty Dill

Section B 0-300 Open Pairs OVERALL RESULTS

A	B	C
1		1.93(OA) Doris Anderson - Roma Bucher
2		1.45(OA) John Bouchard - Charles Huggins
3	1	1.52(OB) Karen Eveland - Emily Hauck
4	2	1.14(OB) Gallotti - Massimo Gallotti
	3	0.86(OB) Horton - Robert E Richards

2004 UNIT 448 CHRISTMAS PARTY RESULTS



Marcia Brineman will be starting classes the second week in January. Bridge I for beginners and second level Bridge II. Please call her at 624-0735 for more information.

New Masterpoint Levels: Oct - Dec

Junior: Diane Burton, Carole Johnson-Beemster, Beverly Cordier, Max Gallotti

Club: Michael Helland, Ina Probasco

Sectional: Emily Hauck, Martha Hodges, Mike Weiler

Regional: Mary Gellner, Bob Gellner

NABC Mstr: Cindy Chase

LIFE Mstr: GARY MATSUMOTO

Bronze LM: JOHN STURGUL

New Members and Transfer Ins:

NM: Mike Wiebers, Bill Ardiss, Cristina Gallotti, Fred Gilbert, Pat St John, Fred Williams

TI: Joy Gaelick

Starting Jan 21 & 22; 28 & 29 Beginning Classes for the University of Idaho Students will begin. The classes are FREE to full time University Students. Other individuals in community are welcome to attend for \$65 which includes text. If you would like to be a part of this activity or attend the classes, please contact Bob Probasco 208/882-1309, Karen Eveland 208/285-0136 or Kris Motoyoshi 509/466-4249

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

Survey results are I/N . Over 50% of the I/N players responded to the survey. The I/N Committee is very appreciative. The survey has been tabulated and results will be analyzed and presented to the board next month along with recommendations based on those responses. Many of the I/N players had great ideas to enhance the game and improve participation I/N unit and club events. I/N players make up 70% of our unit's membership and the great response to the survey shows these players are interested I/N preserving the game I/N our community. Stay tuned for more I/N the next edition of the Grand Slammer. Speaking of the Grand Slammer, I/N players gave the newsletter an overwhelming thumbs up for articles and information on unit activities.

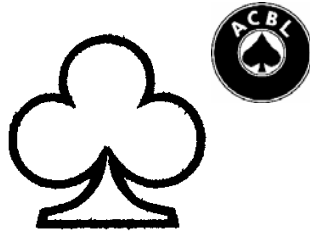
Next up for the I/N Committee is the February Sectional. We'll be I/N touch....

**Deadlines for
Club News Corner
Dec 15, 2004**

2005: Feb 15, April 15, June 15, Aug 15, Oct 15, Dec 15

Please remember to provide times and dates for special events including charity games. Include special player congrats and happenings. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Contact Mary at: robertgellner@msn.com

CLUB NEWS



February is JUNIOR FUND Month. Extra \$1.00 game fee supports ACBL Junior Fund promoting programs and games for our younger players. Check with our Club Managers for Game Dates. Unit Game on Feb 20 will collect the extra game fee to support the JUNIOR FUND.

Clarkston/Moscow

**Lewis-Clark
Duplicate Bridge Club
Paulter Senior Center
549 5th Street Clarkston, WA
Dave Schwartz
208/743-2143**

Weekly Schedule:
Thurs 1:00 Open
Sat 10:30 Non-Sanc

**University City
Duplicate Bridge Club
211 W. D Street
Moscow, ID
509-334-3245 Pete Pluhta**

Weekly Schedule:
Tue 7:15 Open
Club Championship March 29th

Corbin Senior Center 827 W. Cleveland, Lower South

Sam's Bridge Club

Kris Motoyoshi 509-466-4249 Dave Rottmayer 533-9671

Mon 5:30 PM Salad & Roll before game

6:30 PM Open-Handicap

6:00 PM 0-50 Games

Jan 10 & 24; Feb 14 & 28; March 14 & 28

JUNIOR FUND GAME FEB 7 // Club Championship March 7

Thurs 12:30 Open* Masterpoint Race

12:30 0-50 MP Games

Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17, March 3 & 17

JUNIOR FUND GAME FEB 10 / Club Championship March 10

Lessons

Every Mon 4:00-5:30 Play of Hand Salad & Roll After

Starting week of January 10,

Tue 5:30 Conventions,

Thurs 9:30 Play of Hand & Bidding,

Thurs 5:30 Defensive Bidding and Play of Hand
Call Kris for specifics

Spokane Bridge Club

Phyllis Ewing

509-448-2526

Weekly Schedule:

Wed 12:30 Open

Club Championship Jan 19

JUNIOR FUND GAME FEB 16

First place winners
receive \$1 discount for next
playing session

Valley Senior Center, 11423 E Mission

Bridge with Brenda

Brenda Simpson

509-926-6973

Weekly Schedule:

Tues 12:30 Open

Club Championship Jan 4

JUNIOR FUND GAME FEB 1

Thurs 6:30 Open

Club Championship Jan 6

JUNIOR FUND GAME FEB 3

Classes:

DEFENSIVE BIDDING

6 WEEKS Tuesdays 10:00 to noon

OR Saturdays 10:00 to noon

Better Bridge I Thursday 7 to 9 PM

Thank you to the following for helping put the Nov/Dec Grand Slammer together: Joe Lovett, Patti Kautz, Charlotte Ardiss, Barbara Ann Bonner & Mike Coopersmith

Budget Inn, 110 E 4th Avenue, 99202 838-6101

Kay's Club

Kay Fergie 509-838-3270

Weekly Schedule:

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Mon 10:00 Non-LM

Junior Fund Game February 14

Club Championship, March 14

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Sat 12:30 Open

Junior Fund Game February 19

Club Championship, March 19

Maggi's Games

Margaret Bartline 509-443-7221

Weekly Schedule:

Tues 11:00 Open

Club Championship January 25

Junior Fund Game February 8

Wed 6:30 Open Bruce Cook, Dir 509/838.6971

Mentor's Game 1st & 3rd Wed

Club Championship March 23

Junior Fund Game February 22

Thurs 11:00 Open

Junior Fund Game February 24

Club Championship March 3

Fri 11:00 Open

Club Championship January 14

Junior Fund Game February 11



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UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

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

BOARD MEETINGS:

2005

January 9	1:00 one session pairs	1/08 11:30 AM
February 20	1:00 one session pairs YOUTH MONTH	2/20 11:30 AM
March 13	1:00 & 5:00 AWARDS GAME and POTLUCK	3/13 11:30 AM
April 17	1:00 one session pairs	4/17 11:30 AM
May 22	1:00 and TBA Two Session Swiss Team & POTLUCK	5/22 11:30 AM
June 12	5:00 one session pairs	6/12 3:30 AM
July 10	5:00 one session pairs	7/10 3:30 AM
August 21	5:00 one session pairs	8/17 3.30 AM
September 11	1:00 NAP Qualifying Game 4:00 PM Annual membership mtg and voting 5:00 Unit Game	9/11 11:30 AM
October	NO UNIT GAME OR BOARD MEETING	Oct No Meeting
November 6	1:00 & 5:00 PM 2 session CHARITY GAME	11/6 11:30
December 4	* Unit Christmas Party TBA	12/4 No Meeting

UNIT 448, DISTRICT 19 WEB SITE

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

Spokane Web Master: Don Gallaher

**SPOKANE WINTER SECTIONAL
 FEBRUARY 4—6, 2005**

Knights of Columbus, 302 East Boone, Spokane WA

OPEN EVENTS: Stratum: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500 +

Friday, February 4

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

Saturday, February 5

1:00 Stratified Pairs, 1st Session
 7:00 Stratified Pairs, 2nd Session

Sunday, February 6

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams, 2 Sessions

Tournament Chair: Jodi Kimbrell
 509.464.3323 jkimbrell@argerco.com

Partnership Chairs:
 Sally Grant 509.924.0885
 Evelyn Lewis 509.926.7219

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

Friday, February 4

1:00 Stratified I/N Pairs, One Session
 7:00 Stratified I/N Pairs, One Session

Saturday, February 5

12:00 Guest Speaker
 1:00 Stratified I/N Pairs, One Session
 7:00 Stratified I/N Pairs, One Session

Sunday, February 6

10:00 Stratified I/N Swiss Teams One Session

Board Meeting Synopsis

Reports were given for the I/N, Education Committees and on the Unit Growth Seminar, Charity Game Report.

The following committees will be ratified by the new board members at the January Board Meeting. A new Nominating Committee was formed and will consist of Sally Fahland, Den Motoyoshi, Sue Howe, Bruce Cook and Marty O'Malley. The committee will recommend to the president any individuals to be part of an existing or new committee. A new Tournament structure was formed which will include a Tournament Coordinator (Jodi Kimbrell) and a Tournament Chair (Bob Gellner) and committee. All 2005 Unit Sponsored Tournaments will be held at the Knights of Columbus.

Unit tables and bidding boxes were loaned to Kay, Margaret and Bruce for use at their new location, Budget Inn, 110 E 4th Avenue