

HELP WANTED

Reliable individual needed to report on the bridge unit's members, tournaments and/or news.

THANKS!

QUIP REPORT HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPOKANE

Active Membership Trend	-6.62%
New Member Gains	8.20%
Member Losses	15.74%
Average Member Age	65.69 (average in ACBL is 68.46)
Average Years of ACBL Membership	17.45

There are 282 current active members in our unit, 5,934 members in our district and 156,724 members in ACBL

BRIDGE AND BRUNCH BENEFIT FOR VANESSA BEHAN CRISIS NURSERY

On a lovely April day, twenty-four bridge players journeyed to Pat Strand's home on the Spokane River to enjoy brunch, socializing and a game directed by Mike Coopersmith. (Thanks, Mike, for bringing the bridge accomtremment.) First place winners were Lynn Hays and Kay Fergie, who made the delicious desserts. Watch the bulletin board for pictures of the event.

Counting the individual fees and extra donations, Unit 448 contributed \$435 to the Nursery.

Thank you all,

Chef Louise

New Masterpoint Levels: Sep/Oct

Junior Master: Judith Hill, Dianne Wilson
Club Master: Clarice Moore, Greg Rathvon
Sectional Master: Michael Helland, Pat St. John, Barb Strole
Emerald Life Master: Sally Fahland

New Members and Transfers In

NM: Mari Campbell, Linnea Hall

GRAND SLAMMER DEADLINES June 15, Aug 15 Oct 15, Dec 15

LEADERBOARD UPDATE FOR 2008

ACE OF CLUBS

Rebecca Bunselman	4.38
Ken Carmer	8.34
Barb Strole	11.00
Ann Sanders	8.33
Robert Wilson	8.73
Robert Fried	18.99
Jane Lyons-Macy	22.53
Robert Probasco	17.59
Alex Kuo	28.85
William Rottmayer	26.49
Catherine Fergie	24.37
Gard Hays (17,800+)	15.45

MINI-McKINNEY

Glen Abrahams	4.63
Ken Carmer	8.34
Barb Strole	16.24
Christopher Kent	8.41
Cristina Gallotti	13.20
Robert Fried	18.99
Catherine Creer	34.27
Robert Probasco	24.10
James Lindemann	77.19
William Rottmayer	57.43
Sally Fahland	87.45
Gard Hays	135.07

CORRECTION CORNER-

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Bob Probasco's phone number is 509/279-2257
 Kathy O'Malleys phone number (with correct area code) is 509/332-8226
 Ken Carmer's phone number is 509/921-0905
The June unit game is June 8, not June 1.

Editors Note: Joan Jans-Haupt will be taking a well-deserved break, anyone interested in contributing articles about our unit, please contact me.

Born and Raised on Route 66: Interview with Dr. Jerry Hensley, Unit President by Joan Jans-Haupt

On June 23, 1934, Jerry was born on the front porch of his grandmother's house in Winslow, Arizona (Rt. 66). His birth was complicated and served as the emotional base for him to go into the field of medicine.

In 1935, the family moved to Holbrook (Rt. 66) and remained there for ten years where Jerry's father was a school teacher. The move meant a \$110.00 increase in pay per year. The next move along Route 66 was to Flagstaff in 1944 where his father was the registrar at a college that is now Northern Arizona University. Jerry remembers those years as being a "great time to be a young kid."

In 1952, Jerry was the Salutatorian at his high school graduation. He claims that his real asset was drinking beer and raising hell! Four years later he graduated from the University of Arizona and headed to the John Hopkins Medical School, graduating in 1965.

While Jerry was at the University Hospitals of Cleveland (associated with Case Western Reserve University) he met Barbara Lynn Wood, first floor head nurse. Their courtship created a stir, with the Chief of Medicine concerned about losing an excellent head nurse.

Jerry was drafted and sent to Brooks Air Force Base as a flight surgeon. His assignments included Fairchild Air Force Base, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, and Viet Nam before returning to Cleveland. "You can see the circuitous route I used to get to Spokane." Jerry's rotations in cardiology in the Air Force prompted him to change his specialty to cardiology when he was back in Ohio.

Jerry and Barbara moved their young family, now including Jennifer and Geoffrey, to Spokane in 1972. Due to heart disease, Jerry retired at the end of 1995.

When Jerry was in Flagstaff, there was no television, so he and his younger brother learned to play bridge to complete a foursome. He continued to play party bridge through medical school until life became too busy. After retirement he learned about duplicate and loved it. Jerry notes that he is " beholden to both Brenda Simpson and Kris Motoyoshi for his early courses and training." His participation in bridge does not end at the table as he has served on the unit board the past two years, this year as President.

LEADS AGAINST SLAMS

Dealer: North

North

S 954
H 63
D AKJ1074
C 107

West

S 108732
H Q102
D Q852
C 3

East

S Q6
H J98754
D 6
CJ865

South

S AKJ
H AK
D 93
C AKQ942

North	East	South	West
2D	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	7NT	All Pass

The basic guideline for leading against grand slams is to choose something safe. But there are rare occasions when this principle should be ignored, and the opening leader should select something unsafe—or apparently unsafe.

In the diagramed deal played at New York's famous Cavendish Club, N/S bid to a reasonable grand slam. North opened with a weak 2 bid, and followed with a slightly eccentric rebid. The forcing response of 2NT asked him to describe his hand further, and the rebid of 3NT theoretically showed a solid diamond suit. North decided to regard the J 10 of diamonds as the equivalent of the Q, partly because a rebid of 3D would have sounded too discouraging.

S jumped confidently to 7NT. Expecting to find a dummy w AKQXXX in diamonds, he could count 13 tricks if either minor suit came home. Even with the actual N hand, the grand slam was still an excellent bet. On a neutral lead, S would have tested the C, and if this suit proved unsatisfactory, he would have fallen back on D, taking a 1st rd finesse against the Q.

Notice that the percentage play in D is to finesse immediately. Playing a top honor first in case E has a singleton Q would be a bad error, for E is much more likely to have a small singleton than a singleton Q. But this normal sequence of events, which would have succeeded, was disturbed by Gino Scalaman-dre, sitting W. Knowing that the D were all on his left, he could tell that a D lead was safe. So he put the D 8 on the table, hoping to confuse the issue for S or to force him to make a premature decision.

S could, of course, have made the contract by finessing immediately, but that would have been a foolish play, putting all his eggs in the D basket. Naturally and correctly, he won with the K in dummy and played the A and K of C to test that suit. When this suit failed, he could fall back on D, but there was no longer any way to make 13 tricks.

The declarer spent a little time trying to guess whether W had led from Qxx in D or xxx, the only combinations that could help. He eventually took the D finesse, which was right, up to a point. But when E discarded, it was all over, S discarded his spade J on the D winner and entered his hand with a major suit lead. He surrendered a C to E for down one, and ruefully congratulated Scalaman-dre on his brilliant opening lead.

Grand Slams by Alan Truscott

Quality Inn 838.6101 110 E 4th Ave. Spokane, WA
Paulter Sr. Ctr. 549 5th. St. Clarkston, WA
Spokane Valley Community Ctr 927.1153
 10814 E Broadway Spokane Valley, WA
Stookey's 211 W. D Street Moscow, ID

CLUB NEWS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT GAME UPDATE

Following is a letter received from one of the students regarding mentor night.

My mentor was awesome as always. He is the only mentor I have played with and is always kind and a gentleman. I know I frustrate him #1 because I consistently under bid (don't know all the reasons why) and I don't know transfers—keep reminding him that I will be learning.

Thanks again. Student

Thank you to all mentors.

Wednesday Night Student Game
 Students with 0-100 master points
 Wednesday, 6:00pm chalk talk, 6:30 game
 Quality Inn Game Room

- [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] Spokane 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

Bridge with Brenda

Brenda will be doing a cruise to the Mexican Riviera for 7 days on Nov. 1-8 and 8-15. The ship, Sapphire Princess, does a round trip from LA. The ports are Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Villarta and Mazatlan. The cost for the cabins varies from \$850 and up. You can make your reservations with your favorite travel agent.

CUE BIDS IN A NUTSHELL

Text book by Dee Berry

When: Wed mornings 10:00-12:00

Where: South Hill Women's Club

9th and Walnut—lower level

Begins May 7th for 6 weeks

Cost is \$50 for 6 lessons or \$10 a lesson

Text is \$10 for students—\$13 for non-students

Brenda Simpson

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	Club Champ. WC STaC	N Am Pairs
Bridge w/Brenda	May 6	June 3
Bridge w/ Brenda	May 8	June 5
Kay's Club Mon AM	May 19	
Kay's Club Sat AFT	May 24	May 10
Sam's BC Tues PM	May 6	June 12
Sam's BC Wed PM	May 7	
Sam's BC Thurs AFT	May 8	June 14
Spokane Bridge Club	May 28	



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ACBL www.acbl.org

Lilac Sectional May 30, June 1 and 2
Knights of Columbus
302 East Boone

2008 Unit Board Members

President Jerry Hensley 926-8570
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Ron Krueger 922-1344
Marlys Roberts 466-8896
Doris Anderson 465-3960
Beverly Cordier 323-4890
Ann Figg 468-2652

NON VOTING BOARD MEMBERS:

Tournament Chairs Jackie Biel & JoAnn Brown
Recorder Donna Dechenne 844-7330
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Grand Slammer Marty Burdick 255-9632
Property Mike Coopersmith 466-4404
Web Master Cindy Chase 466-5428



LILAC SECTIONAL
May 30, June 1, 2
Knights of Columbus

Friday May 30

Open Events **Inter/Newcomer**
1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session 1:00 Stratified Pairs
7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session Single Session

Saturday June 1

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

1:00 FREE PLAY
0-5 MPs

Sunday June 2

10:00/TBA 10:00/TBA
Stratified Teams Two Sessions Swiss Two Sessions

Partnership Chair **Partnership I/N Events**
Dotti Davis 509/926-9238 Ann Figg 468-2652 or
skipandann@yahoo.com

Tournament Chairs
Jackie Biel 509/624-8782 \$8.00/session
JoAnne Brown 509/465-8218 \$6.00/IN Events

2008 Unit 448 Championship Games
Sons of Norway Hall
6710 N. Country Homes Blvd
Lower floor

May 18, 2008 1:00 and 5:00 **POTLUCK!**
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