



Unit 534 Chatter

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Unit President- Dennis Boomgaarden

I hope you all had a joyous holiday season.

First of all, I'd like to thank my predecessor Pat Reinhardt for a job well done as Unit 534 President. She reluctantly took over the job when nobody else wanted to do it. After that, she took hold of the "reins" and smoothly guided the Unit up through last December. Thanks again Pat. Thanks also are due to the Board members all of whom are unpaid volunteers. The 2009 Board Members are almost all carry overs from 2008 with the exception of Bob McManus who consented to help us out this year.

A new event will be added to the Unit Game Calendar in 2009. A "Masterpoint Recognition" game will be held probably at the March or April Unit Games. All Ace of Clubs, Mini McKenney winners and the various ACBL levels (Novice, Life Master, Silver Life Master, etc.) achieved during the previous year will receive a Free Play at this Unit game. A brief recognition ceremony of some sort will be held before the start of the game. We hope this will do a better job of recognizing the achievements of our players at all levels.

If any of you have questions on why the Board runs the business of the Unit the way it does, please feel free to e-mail me or phone me. We are a lofty group, but we have proven over and over that we don't know everything.

A personal note: Most of you know by now that I have given up running the Mazatlan Trips in May & November. Don't fear. Debbie Cameron has agreed to take over the job and will start the process of mailings, reservations, etc. soon.

IN MEMORIAM Ken Wudrick

Recovery Room

Bob Ford was hit by a car while in his scooter. Both legs broken. Currently in Kaiser Riverside.

Ann Brown is recovering from a broken bone in her leg.

Audrey Klumpenaar is back in her home in Temecula, receiving assisted care.

Phil Markham is feeling better, working 1 or 2 days a week and plans to return to bridge playing soon.

Terry Combs is home now, feeling much better, but still recovering.

Jeanne Eberle is still recovering from lung infection, but hopes to be back playing bridge soon.

UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2008

Regular Game Fee per person 0.00

RECEIPTS:

Total Tables in Play:	20.5
(# of tables x 4) Total # of Players:	82
Minus of Free Plays:	82
Net No. of players paid:	0
Total Regular Receipts:	0.00
Other Receipts	492.00
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EXPENSES:

Directors Fee:	126.00
Caddie Fee:	35.00
Site Rental	0.00
ACBL Sanction Fee:	126.00
Other Expenses:	31.00
Total Game Expenses:	318.00

Total Food Expenses: 720.80

Grand Total All Expenses: 1038.80

NET INCOME/(LOSS) (546.80)

January Birthdays

7	Daniel	Frederick
9	Itsuko	Barton
10	Peggy	Cowherd
12	David	Spahlinger
14	Sue	McElree
15	Mary	Yeardon
15	Rosalie	Heard
17	Michael	Connors
18	Mary	Worsham
22	Duane	McComb
22	Madeline	Dulmatch
23	Carolyn	Waska
25	Virginia	LaFond
27	Pat	Reinhardt
29	Hal	Long

Save & Print a Convention Card For all of your various partners.

Do you have multiple partners that you fill out a new convention card almost every time you play, or the ones you have are worn out?

There are several free programs available on the ACBL web site where you can save and/or print a copy for each of your partners.

Go to the ACBL Home page, scroll down to the bottom of the page, click on Convention Card Editors. Scroll down to the editors. Several are available. I use the "Lee Edwards" version. Try them all and pick 1.

Membership Achievements

New Members: Jerry Huntley.

Transferred In: Diane/Tom Markham.

Welcome To Unit 534.

New Junior Master: None reported.

New Club Master: None reported.

New Sectional Master: Denise Colston.

New Regional Masters: None reported.

New NABC Masters: Peggy Cowherd.

New Life Masters: None reported.

New Bronze Life Masters: Barbara Baisden & Jean Wooden.

New Silver Life Master: Billie Clement.

New Gold Life Master: None reported.

Hand of the Month:

ROMAN KEY CARD BLACKWOOD "14-30" CONVENTION

Note to Novices: There are 2 Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB) conventions. 1 is RKCB and the other is RKCB "14-30". The difference is in the meaning of the 5C & 5D responses.

This lesson is about RKCB "14-30". Unlike the regular Blackwood convention, it uses **five controls** in responses. The five controls are the four aces and the king of trump and are bid as follows (after partner bids 4NT asking for controls):

- 5 C** - 1 or 4 controls (i.e. 3 aces and the king of trump or 4 aces).
- 5 D** - 0 or 3 controls (i.e. no aces or the king of trump or 2 Aces and the king of trump or 3 aces).
- 5 H** - 2 or 5 controls without the queen of trump.
- 5 S** - 2 or 5 controls with the queen of trump.

Note: The **5 C** and **5 D** responses do not reflect the queen of trump, whereas the **5 H** response denies the queen of trump and the **5 S** response reflects the queen of trump. If partner responds either **5 C** or **5 D**, the **4NT** bidder can ask for the queen of trumps by bidding the next higher suit, providing the suit is not trumps. For instance, if hearts or spades is trumps, after a **5 C** response, the bid of **5 D** would ask partner to either deny or show the queen of trumps as follows:

- A.** Rebid of the agreed trump suit at the five level would deny the queen of trumps.
- B.** Bid of the agreed trump suit at the six level would show the queen of trumps; however, the bid would also deny holding any outside kings.
- C.** If responder has the queen of trump and an outside king, responder then bids the lowest ranking suit holding the king (i.e. holding the queen of trumps and the king of clubs, responder would bid 6 clubs after the 5 diamond bid of partner; note: this bid would deny holding the king of hearts if spades were trump).
- D.** Bid 5 NT holding the queen of trump without any outside kings but holding extra values (i.e. maybe 16 points when partner expected you to only have 11 points). This might help partner to determine whether or not a bid of seven is possible.

Using the Blackwood convention, only the four aces are identified after bidding 4 NT (i.e.; 2 clubs, pass, 2 diamonds, pass, 2 hearts, pass, 3 hearts, pass, 4 NT, pass 5 diamonds – reflects one ace), Now, it is not possible for the opener to know whether or not partner has enough strength to bid a slam with the following holding:

INAUGURAL TEMECULA UNIT GAME

The January 11, 2009 Unit Game will be held in Temecula at the Mary Phillips Sr. Center. This the first time the Unit has held a Unit Game in here.

RKCD 14-30 cont'd

Spades: AK
Hearts: QJ10xxxx
Diamonds: KQJ
Clubs: A

Playing "14-30", however, the opener will be able to identify specific cards in partner's suit to either bid or avoid bidding the slam in hearts.

After the same auction as mentioned above, the response over 4NT by opener will determine whether or not slam is possible. For instance, 2 clubs, pass, 2 diamonds, pass, 2 hearts, pass, 3 hearts, pass, 4NT, pass, the following bids would help opener to determine the level of the contract:

- A.** 5 clubs (one control) – opener would rebid 5 hearts (to play) knowing that two key control cards are missing.
- B.** 5 diamonds (zero or three controls) – opener would rebid 5 hearts knowing that both the ace and king of trumps and the ace of diamonds are missing or that partner has all of the missing controls! Sounds like contract will be going down one trick or making all of the tricks!). After the 5 heart bid by opener, responder will now correct the bid to 6 hearts when holding three controls and opener will further correct the contract to 7NT realizing that all of the tricks can be claimed!).
- C.** 5 hearts (two controls without the queen of trump) – opener will bid 6 hearts, since one of the key controls is missing.

As can be seen from the above examples, the exactness of the contract can be determined when using 14-30, whereas regular Blackwood doesn't have the necessary bidding tools to either bid or not bid the appropriate slam.

Another example would help identify when the queen asking bid is important:

Spades: AK
Hearts: KJ10xxxx
Diamonds: KQJ
Clubs: A

Auction: 2 clubs, pass, 2 diamonds, pass, 2 hearts, pass, 3 hearts, pass, 4NT, pass:

If responder bids 5 clubs (one control), opener can ask for the queen of trumps by bidding 5 diamonds. If responder denies the queen by bidding 5 hearts, then opener passes. If responder reflects the queen of hearts by bidding 6 clubs (reflects the queen of trumps and the king of clubs), opener can bid 6 NT realizing the only losing trick will be either the ace of hearts or diamonds. If partner bid 6 hearts, however, after the queen asking auction, opener will pass realizing a club lead would defeat the contract in 6 NT.

Presented by Scott Campbell for the benefit of novice, intermediate and advanced players.

Another source for information on conventions is the ACBL Web site: At the home page, scroll to the bottom, under "Popular Pages" click on Commonly Used Conventions. Then click on the convention of your choice.

Forum Reporter Needed.

Unit 534 needs someone to report our news and events to the District 22 Forum newspaper. If you are interested, contact Dennis B. There isn't much technical expertise required. Come on all you former high school/college newspaper reporters.

The "Person of the Month" column will return next month.

Club Masterpoint Leaders for December

Mon/Wed/Thurs Sun City DBC: 3.74 Shirley Gero; 3.32 Charley Fox; 3.28 Jim Eves; 3.13 Del Gero; 2.96 Doug Murphey, Cathy Garvin; 2.77 Velma Mallet; 2.40 Ed Oldham; 2.37 Cle Nelson; 2.30 Rosalie Kirston; 2.28 Annabelle Salisbury; 2.12 John Putman; 2.02 Sally Carell; 2.01 Ronni Armstrong; 1.99 Peggy Cowherd; 1.84 Elaine Putman; 1.63 Shirley Smith; 1.60 Faye Miller; 1.52 Helen Telford; 1.50 Kay/Don Bolin.

Monday Hemet: 3.47 Bill Dimitt ; 3.02 Mary Terell; 3.02 Peggy Bailey; 2.98 Rosemary Dimitt; 2.63 Carl Hoeberling; 2.48 Richard Allerton; 2.43 Kymber Hoover; 2.35 Virginia La Fond; 2.24 Karen/Duane McComb; 2.00 Mary Ellen Petersen; 1.85 Mort/Marion Weingarten; 1.47 Robert Nye; 1.45 Flo McClanahan; 1.30 Pauline Gilbert; 1.00 Donna Guillaume; 0.93 Itsuko Barton/Mary Nadler; 0.89 Hetty Fowler/0.89 Grace Ford; 0.75 Karen Brandt; 0.70 Morgan Roberts/William Wellman; 0.49 Joann Thoresen/Lola Davis/Alice Jordan/Margo Olson; 0.40 Jim/Noni Saunders; 0.24 Robert Wiley/Tom Markham/Diane Markham.

Hemet Tuesday : Report not received.

Tuesday Goodtime: 5.82 James Wooden; 3.97 Troy Brown; 3.30 Marlene Koerner; 3.01 Marge Denny/ Vince Tomasulo; 2.67 Sally Carell; 2.39 Del Gero/Shirley Gero; 2.36 Carolyn Waska; 2.27 Patricia Hawkins; 2.24 Charles Fox; 2.07 Lee Hart; 2.00 Joel Rehagen; 1.80 Sherril Maag; 1.75 Rami Mina; 1.75 Mariko Kakimoto; 1.60 Peggy Cowherd; 1.57 Harry O'Neil; 1.57 Charlene O'Neil; 1.52 Edwin Oldham; 1.37 Margy Jiran; 1.23 Douglass Murphey; 1.21 Bob Jackson.

Wednesday Temecula: Report not received.

Thursday Hemet: 3.86 Duane/Karen McComb; 2.25 Mary Terell; 1.90 Robert Wiley; 1.88 Peggy Bailey; 1.88 Cleland Nelson; 1.85 Karen Brandt; 1.52 Itsuko Barton; 1.45 Flo McClanahan; 1.41 Fred Fairbanks; 1.36 Rober Nye; 1.12 Mary Nadler; 1.05 Donna Guillaume; 0.90 Mary Ellen Petersen; 0.90 Virginia La Fond; 0.87 Tom/Diane Markham; 0.80 Marion/Mort Weingarten; 0.56 Morgan Roberts/Carl Hoeberling; 0.49 Robert Judson; 0.40 Charlotte Cross/Bernie Mateer/Alice Jordan; 0.34 Grace Ford/Richard Allerton; 0.22 Pauline Gilbert/Joann Thoresen; 0.16 Lola Davis/Marlene Anderson.

Thursday Goodtime: 3.79 Carolyn Waska; 3.65 Troy Brown; 2.76 Joseph Eves; 2.62 James Wooden; 2.41 Marlene Koerner; 2.31 Dennis Boomgaarden/Arden Boomgaarden; 2.07 Anne Maxfield; 1.75 Joyce Cellilli; 1.47 Josephine Harring; 1.47 Peggy Cowherd; 1.37 Carl Krantz/Lee Hart; 1.36 Joel Rehagen/1.36 Peggy Mc Cray; 1.23 Sherril Maag; 1.11 Carol Wood; 0.97 George Erickson/Olga Erickson; 0.94 Mary Glagau; 0.94 Janet Gleason; 0.87 Jean Wooden; 0.70 Darrell Diwell/Cleland Nelson/ Denise Colston.

Banning Thursday: Carl Hoeberling 1.48, Rosemary Dimitt 1.30, Bill Dimitt 1.30, Nancy Dickason .98, Karen Brandt .98, Mary Terell .73, Dick Joos .72, Don Weber .72, Jean Bonelli .55, Bess Hansen .55.

Friday Goodtime: 3.97 Dale Klinzing; 3.94 James Wooden/Joseph Eves; 3.57 Larry Rambo; 3.25 Cathy Garvin/Douglass Murphey; 2.30 Robert Wiley/Alice Jordan; 2.10 Sherril Maag; 2.00 Edwin Oldham; 1.86 Cleland Nelson; 1.67 Joyce Cellilli; 1.49 Anita Kingsbury; 1.38 Annabelle Salisbury; 1.22 Jack/Evelyn Guilliat; 1.13 George/Olga Erickson; 1.03 Sarah Rambo; 0.96 Kenneth Chia; 0.90 Flo McClanahan.

Saturday Temecula: Report not received.

Canyon Lake Sunday: 3.96 Jim Wooden; 3.38 Jim Eves; 2.33 Toy Brown, Sharron/Dennis Eshelman; 2.24 Shirley/Del Gero; 2.17 Bea Corley, Pat Reinhardt; 1.75 Ben Brock, Sandi Norgaard, Cle Nelson; 1.31 Judy/Bob McManus; .74 Ed/Joy Nicholls, Marguerite Jungles, Marguerite Price.

UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - Dec. 14th, 2008

1.75 Edwin Oldham/Mary Terell/William Wellman/Dale Klinzing; 1.67 Troy Brown/James Wooden/1.67 Duane/Karen McComb; 1.23 Flo McClanahan/Harold Long; 1.17 Bill/Rosemary Dimitt; 1.06 Carol/Darrell Diwell/Jean Wooden/Geraldine Fettig; 0.88 George/Olga Erickson; 0.84 Beatrice Corley/Anne Maxfield/Nickolae Gerstner/Anita Kingsbury; 0.76 Rosalie Kirston/Donna Seyfried; 0.61 Helen Telford/Millie Rollins/Annabelle Salisbury/Sally Carell; 0.58 Mary Palmquist/Suzanne Raymond.

Stellar Games

Level A 750 + MP: 70.14 % - Ed Oldham/Annabelle Salisbury

Level B 300-749: 66% - None reported.

Level C 100-299: 60.72%- None reported.

Level D 0-99: 57.74 %- None reported.

Ask The Director For a Free Unit Game Play (if you are a paid up member of Unit 534).

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Contributors: Whomever we can get plus Scott Campbell, Pat Reinhardt, Club Directors/Managers and anyone else we can con into writing a column. We try to publish by the 8th of the month, or, no later than the Unit Game. Also posted on www.acbldistrict22.com/534 Chatter & Club News.

Jan-09

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
11	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Temecula-Mary Phillips Ctr
11	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
12	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
17	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
18	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
21	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
24	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
25	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
31	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula

Feb-09

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
1	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
2	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
12	Wed	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
5	Thur	12:15	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
7	Sat	0:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
8	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Civic Hall-Sun City
8	Sun	CLOSED	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
14	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Sun	6:00	Club Championship	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
21	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
22	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
25	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
28	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula

Mar-09

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
1	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
7	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
8	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Sierra Dawn-Hemet
8	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
14	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
19	Thur	6:15	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
21	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
22	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
25	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
28	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
29	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg

Directors/Club Managers: If you have any schedule additions/deletions please e-mail them to the Chatter Editor before the 1st of each month.

UNIT 534 SECTIONALS

Summer Sectional
May 29-30-31, 2009
Comm. Rec. Center
Temecula

299'er Sectional
Aug. 21-22-23, 2009
Location
TBA

Fall Sectional
Nov. 20-21-22, 2009
Webb Hall
Sun City

Feb. 8- Civic Hall-Sun City UNIT GAMES March 8- Sierra Dawn-Hemet