



Unit 534 Chatter

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BRIDGE BITES PRETTY SOON, IT ADDS UP

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♠ QJ432 ♥ 5 ♦ A5 ♣ AKQ52		
♠ K86 ♥ T9743 ♦ K32 ♣ J4	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ AT9 ♥ J62 ♦ T874 ♣ 763
♠ 75 ♥ AKQ8 ♦ QJ96 ♣ T98		

Sometimes it pays to have a good sense of the ridiculous, witness this hand from a recent team game. N-S declined to admit how they reached 6NT, and given the utter awfulness of their final contract, who could possibly blame them? A Spade lead would have worked rather well for the defense but, not unreasonably, West started out with the Heart Ten. Now let's see how alert defense by East averted an overtrick!

That opening Heart lead was won by Declarer's Ace. Next came the ♠Q and West probably now regrets that he covered this with the King. Dummy's Ace won the trick and the Clubs were rattled off. West had discarding problems on the run of the Clubs and, with the benefit of hindsight we can see that it was ill-advised of West to pitch a couple of Hearts, but pitch them he did. Next, the Diamond Nine was successfully finessed and, with the Hearts now good, Declarer was up to 12 tricks.

But could he make an overtrick? No, East became the star of the show when, on the last Heart, he pitched away his ♣A! Declarer's last two cards were ♠J6 but East had grimly held on to ♠T8 and the battle for the thirteenth trick was won by East's Diamond Ten. So, only +1440 for N-S, thanks to East's heads-up defense.

"For a moment there I thought you would make all the tricks", mused Dummy.

"Wasn't possible, East defended too well".

"Well, let's hope our team-mates aren't -1470. An IMP here, an IMP there, pretty soon it starts to add up".

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Revels passed away Tues. Feb. 15. Our condolences to his wife Barbara, their family and friends.

UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb. 13th at Temecula

Tables in Play:	13.5
Number of players:	54
Number of free plays:	4
Number of paid players:	50
Game fee per person:	6

RECEIPTS:

Paid players fees:	300.00	
Other:	0.00	
Total Receipts:		\$300.00

EXPENSES:

Directors Fee:	81.00	
Site Rental:	54.00	
ACBL Sanction Fee:	16.88	
Liability Insurance:	57.41	
Game Supplies:	0.00	
Score Boards and Hand Records:	0.00	
Food Supplies:	13.12	
Other:	0.00	
Total Expenses:		\$222.41
Net Income (Loss):		\$77.60

March Birthdays

8	Marge	Dolmetsch
8	Irene	Kleen
10	Lois	Bevins
11	Peggy	McCray
14	Kathryn	Kreh
15	Grace	Ford
16	Jack	Guilliatt
18	Sidney	Herman
19	Bea	Corley

Membership Achievements

New Members: Helen/Geoff Arms, John Belsher, Susan Loomis.

Welcome to Unit 534!!

New Junior Master: Jan Orey
New Silver Life Masters: Sherril Maag, Ali Selim.

New Gold Life Master: Bill Wellman

Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't.

Marty Bergen's "21 Rules of Being a Good Partner."

Recovery Room

Olga Erickson experienced a heart attack while playing bridge on Thurs Mar. 3rd. She was transported to Escondido where a stent was installed. Olga is now back home and doing fine. (Who said bridge wasn't a stressful game? Tongue in cheek.)

OPENING “BEST MINOR” VS “COULD BE SHORT (CBS) CLUB”

Question: Is it a good idea to play a “short club”?

Answer: NO!

• Advantages

None, except that a diamond opening bid promises four diamonds.

• Disadvantages

Distorts distribution of opener’s hand:

- Finding the optimum contract could be jeopardized.
- A proper defense is jeopardized because of a “counting” problem.
- Finding the proper lead on defense may be jeopardized.

Comments:

- Partnerships that open a “short club” (could be less than three clubs) think that it helps since a 1♦ opening bid always promises four diamonds. It is nice to know that your partner has four diamonds; however, it is more important to describe the hand distribution. Contracts are generally played in either a major suit or no trump. However, when wishing to play in a minor suit, distribution is very important to finding the optimum contract.

Note: The odds of having 4, 5, or 6 diamonds are greater than having 3 when playing the convenient minor. (Continued, next column.)

Learn your partner’s style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what he will have, not what you would have done. Marty Bergen’s “21 Rules of Being a Good Partner.”

- Distorting distribution of opener’s hand is the major disadvantage. The most important trick on defense is often the first trick, followed by the second trick, etc. For instance, if opener “high-lows” showing an even number of cards in the suit, the partner may not know whether it is two or four cards! Not knowing is always detrimental to a defense plan!

- Another major problem is the original lead. Holding “Axxx, xxxx, AKQ, xx”, opener must bid 1♣ originally when playing the short club. Playing the better minor, partner would bid 1♦. Personally, I would like partner to lead a diamond, not a club!

Recommendation:

- When holding three cards in both minor suits, bid the better minor suit. When the better minor suit is diamonds, the minimum requirement is one of the top two honors or two of the top four honors (i.e. Axx; QJx). Otherwise, open with 1♣, regardless of the club suit holding (i.e. when holding AKxx, Kxx, Qxx, xxx, bid 1♣).
- If your partnership is currently playing the “could be short”, I strongly recommend changing channels!!!

This mini-lesson is presented by Scott Campbell to improve novice/intermediate/advanced bridge technique.

Surprise Visit

The Thursday Feb. 10th Temecula bridge game had a surprise visitor by an old friend.....Audrey Klumpenaar. She was accompanied by her daughter Terry. As some of you might recall, Audrey suffered a stroke at the Los Angeles airport while a group of us were returning from a trip to Mazatlan in 2008. She has been unable to resume her bridge playing since then.

Audrey looked good, in her usual cheerful mood, and of course she did mention that her team, the Green Bay Packers, won the Super Bowl. It was nice to see her again.

**Daily club results on our web site:
www.acbldistrict22.com/534**

Club Masterpoint Leaders for February

Mon/Wed Sun City DBC: 5.21 Judy/Tom Hammond; 2.95 Ben Brock; 2.83 Barbara Baisden; 2.77 Ed Oldham; 2.55 Don Sokol; 2.38 Joel Dreyer, Fred Fairbanks; 2.36 Helen Telford; 2.17 Mary Palmquist, Joel Rehagen; 1.99 Jim Eves; 1.95 Nancy/Roger Overholt; 1.76 Marguerit Price; 1.72 Velma Mallet; 1.57 George/Olga Erickson; 1.52 Del/Shirley Gero; 1.44 Cle Nelson; 1.34 Ed Clark; 1.32 Irene Hoffman, Elaine Putman; 1.29 Pat Cruz; 1.20 Charlie Fox, Nikolae Gerstner; 1.20 Duane/Karen McComb.

Monday Hemet: 1.60 Duane/Karen McComb; 1.14 Donna Guillaume; 1.10 Diane/Tom Markham; 0.96 William Wellman; 0.96 Karen Brandt; 0.96 Kenneth Chia; 0.90 Larry Iannotti/Bob Lortie; 0.84 Kymber Hoover; 0.80 Peggy Bailey/Mary Terell/Rosemary & Bill Dimitt; 0.80 Hetty Fowler/Barbara Woodson; 0.78 Marie/Richard Lawrence; 0.74 Itsuko Barton; 0.70 Joann Thoresen; 0.68 Cyrous Rezayat/Fred Fairbanks; 0.56 Robert/Judith McManus; 0.48 Pauline Gilbert; 0.40 Marge Oberlander/Virginia La Fond/Margo Olson/Barbara Revels; 0.28 Carl Hoerberling; 0.22 Charlotte Cross/Sue Goldberg.

Tuesday Murrieta: 3.97 Ali Selim; 3.40 Marlene Koerner; 3.33 Tom/Judy Hammond; 3.12 Josephine Harring/Janet Gleason; 2.59 Suzanne Raymond; 2.28 Edwin Oldham/Joyce Cellilli; 2.22 Cleland Nelson; 2.12 Carol Wood; 2.10 Mary Palmquist; 2.09 Charles Fox; 2.07 Judith McManus/Kymber Hoover; 1.98 Patrick Thomson/Ted Miller; 1.45 Carolyn Waska/Douglass Murphey; 1.39 Shirley/Del Gero; 1.30 Frances/Bob Jackson; 1.30 Patricia Hawkins/Anita Kingsbury/1.30 Muriel Green.

Wednesday Temecula: 6.48 Bill Williams/James Wooden; 6.09 Lucille Lockwood; 4.21 Virginia Hoppe; 3.76 Suzanne Raymond; 3.36 Fran White; 3.33 Carol Wood; 2.83 Wicker Gamble; 2.70 Donna Seyfried; 2.50 Jean Wooden; 2.33 Janice Pond; 2.19 Cleland Nelson/Joseph Eves; 2.10 Ruth Brandt; 1.81 Felicia Hogan; 1.77 Marlene Koerner; 1.72 Glenn Lavering/Lee Hart/Barbara McPherson; 1.67 Sally Carell; 1.62 Shirley Rubidoux; 1.45 Paul Cameron/Patricia Hawkins; 1.45 Chuck Savage;

Thursday Hemet: 4.08 Robert Nye/Marge Oberlander; 2.94 Duane/Karen McComb; 2.31 Ann Thomas; 1.82 Joann Thoresen/Pauline Gilbert; 1.63 Larry Iannotti/Herb Bernstein; 1.52 Carl Hoerberling/Morgan Roberts; 1.25 Pat Thomson/Bob Lortie; 1.22 Bill Williams/Ruby Sagner; 1.09 Glenna Monsen; 0.95 Barbara Woodson; 0.90 Karen Brandt/Ted Miller/Barbara Revels; 0.80 Hetty Fowler; 0.77 Minnie Smothermon; 0.77 Gene Stock; 0.63 Margo Olson/Mary Ellen Petersen/Grace Ford/Robert Wiley;

Thursday Temecula: 4.70 Edwin Oldham/ Mo Anvari; 4.26 Joyce Cellilli; 3.36 Joseph Eves; 2.61 Carolyn Waska; 2.56 Jean Wooden; 2.38 Marlene Koerner; 2.37 Donna Seyfried; 2.28 Douglass Murphey; 2.09 Cleland Nelson; 1.98 James Wooden; 1.87 David Mielke/Fred Kunkle; 1.76 Jamie Santistevan/Sally Carell; 1.31 Carol/Darrell Diwell; 1.23 Suzanne Raymond/Berna Lord; 1.17 Darrell Waska; 1.11 Bill Williams; 1.09 Lloyd Scott/ Margy Jiran; 1.02 Arden/Dennis Boomgaarden.

Friday Sun City: 3.54 Anita Kingsbury; 3.15 William Wellman; 2.95 Irene Hoffmann; 2.92 Edwin Oldham; 2.78 Joel Dreyer; 2.66 Beatrice Corley; 2.60 Donna Seyfried; 2.51 Tom/Judy Hammond; 2.43 Janet Gleason; 2.39 Fred Fairbanks; 2.24 Suzanne Raymond; 2.22 Ruth Kile; 2.17 Berna Lord; 1.98 Mary Palmquist/Peggy Bailey/Joyce Cellilli/James Wooden; 1.74 Charles Fox; 1.69 Bill Williams; 1.63 Grace Ford/Robert Wiley; 1.57 Carol Wood; 1.45 Joel Rehagen; 1.41 Sherril Maag; 1.32 Carl Hoerberling.

Saturday Temecula: 8.40 Bill Williams; 7.35 Fran White; 6.30 James Wooden; 5.29 Charles Fox; 5.06 Chuck Savage; 4.55 Suzanne Raymond; 3.35 Magdalene Krish/Mo Anvari; 3.21 Joyce Cellilli; 3.10 Joseph Eves; 2.96 Harold Long; 2.82 Cleland Nelson; 2.77 Lucille Lockwood; 2.58 Carol Wood; 2.45 Wicker Gamble; 2.25 Peggy Cowherd; 2.16 Felicia Hogan; 2.08 Harvey Lesser; 2.03 Rami Mina; 1.99 Ben Brock; 1.96 Ali Selim; 1.89 Morris Cohen; 1.84 Douglass Murphey; 1.82 Rick Kerbel; 1.81 Jan Orey; 1.72 Ronald/Virginia Cone 1.61 Lloyd Scott/Margy Jiran 1.58 Barbara Baisden; 1.48 Shirley Rubidoux; 1.45 Sue Soderer; 1.38 Philip Machamer/Cecil Leach; 1.36 Glenn Lavering; 1.31 Marlene Koerner; 1.30 Dennis/Arden Boomgaarden; 1.30 Marilyn Rumsey; 1.14 Vincent Tomasulo; 1.04 Harry/Charlene O'Neil; 1.03 William Maxson; 1.02 Vince Tomasulo; 0.99 Richard Duquette/Marguerite Jungles; 0.97 Lois Woodson; 0.92 Virginia Hoppe; 0.86 Raghubir Mathur/Michael Schultz;

UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - February 13, 2011

3.40 Joseph Eves/William Wellman; 2.55 Duane McComb/Karen McComb; 1.91 Kymber Hoover/ Margo Olson; 1.50 Cecil Leach/Philip Machamer; 1.43 Judith Hammond/Tomas Hammond; 1.13 Ben Brock/Barbara Baisden; 0.85 Carol Wood/Douglass Murphey; 0.84 Ronald Williams/Donald Sokol; 0.70 George Erickson/Olga Erickson; 0.60 Beatrice Corley/Suzanne Raymond; 0.60 Fran White/Caryn Villalon; 0.49 Harold Eshelman/Sharon Eshelman; 0.42 Mary Palmquist/Harold Long; 0.42 Barbara Woodson/Patrick Thompson; 0.28 James Wooden/Bill Williams.

Stellar Games

75 % Level A 2500 + MP: None Reported.

70 % Level Ax 750-2500 MP: 72.92 %, Irene Hoffmann/Annabelle Salisbury, 72.45 %, Fred Fairbanks/Joel Dreyer.

65 % Level B: 300-749: None Reported.

60 % Level C: 100-299: None Reported.

55 % Level D: 0-99: 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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March 2011				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
10	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
11	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
12	Sat	CLOSED	Facility Unavailable	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
13	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	Sierra Dawn-Hemet
MASTERPOINT RECOGNITION GAME				
LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED IN TABLE FEE--Lunch Served at 11:45				
15	Tues	1:00	Club Championship	Murrieta Senior Center
16	Wed	12:00	Club Championship	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
17	Thur	1:00	Club Championship	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
18	Fri	12:00	Club Championship	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
19	Sat	11:30	Club Championship	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
21	Mon	12:30	Club Membership	Simpson Center-Hemet
22	Tues	12:30	D23 STAC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
23	Wed	12:00	D23 STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
24	Thur	1:00	D23 STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
25	Fri	12:00	D23 STAC Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
26	Sat	11:30	D23 STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
April 2011				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
10	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	Civic Hall Sun City
12	Tues	12:30	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
13	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
20	Wed	11:30	Light Lunch Provided	Civic Hall-Sun City
20	Wed		SIGN UP REQUIRED	Civic Hall-Sun City
20	Wed	12:30	Regular Pairs Game	Civic Hall-Sun City
14	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
16	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
18	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
May 2011				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
1	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
UNIT GAME ON 1ST SUNDAY IN MAY				
2	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
3	Tues	12:30	STAC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
4	Wed	12:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
5	Thur	12:15	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
5	Thur	1:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
6	Fri	12:00	STAC Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
7	Sat	11:30	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
10	Tues	12:30	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
11	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
12	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula

Summer Sectional
May 20-21-22, 2011
Comm. Rec. Center
Temecula

Fall Sectional
Nov. 18-19-20, 2011
Webb Hall
Sun City

March 13, Hemet

UNIT GAMES

April 10, Sun City