



Unit 534 Chatter

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Bridge Classes Report
 Classes started in Temecula on Sept. 7th at the Mary Phillips Sr. Center. The instructor, Marlene Koerner, reported that 21 students showed up for the first session of classes and that everything went well.

There were only 2 sign ups for the Sun City Classes. The classes were cancelled due to insufficient signups. Those that did sign up were invited to attend the classes in Temecula. Thanks to Joyce Cellilli for offering to be instructor for these classes.

The classes in Hemet were cancelled because the availability of the facility was withdrawn. Thanks are due to Peg Bailey for offering to be instructor for the proposed classes in Hemet.

IN MEMORIAM

Evelyn Guillatt, Ruth Wilmes.

Our condolences to their friends and families.

Nominations Report
 We have 3 nominees from the Murrieta/Temecula area.

We have one nominee from the Sun City Area.

We have no nominees from the Hemet area yet.

Nominations will continue thru September.

The Election will start in October.

UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT
 Aug. 14, 2011 at Temecula

Tables in Play:	11
Number of players:	44
Number of free plays:	3
Number of paid players:	41
Game fee per person:	\$6.00

RECEIPTS:

Fees paid	\$246.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	\$246.00

EXPENSES:

Directors Fee:	\$75.00
Site Rental:	\$54.00
ACBL Sanction Fee:	\$13.75
Liability Insurance:	\$57.41
Game Supplies:	\$0.00
Table Boards and Hand Records:	\$0.00
Food Supplies:	\$29.08
Other:	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$229.24
Net Income (Loss):	\$16.76

Membership Achievements
New Members: James Evans, Ronnie Rue & Sandra Wilks.
 WELCOME TO UNIT 534

New Sectional Masters: Cyrus Rezayat.
New Silver Life Master: Pat Hawkins
New Diamond Life Master: Jim Wooden.
CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Support
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Club
Games.**

September Birthdays

Unit 534's 35th Annual Fall Sectional
Nov. 18-19-20, 2011
Webb Hall, Sun City.
26850 Sun City Blvd.
Fri/Sat sessions at 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM.
Sunday Swiss Teams start at 10:30 AM.

Sponsored By The Sun City Duplicate Bridge Club.

1	Shirley	Smith
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1	Betty	Herbert
7	Bob	Cassidy
8	Ruth	Kile
11	Karen	Brandt
13	Bill	Raphael
14	Jay	Hughes
15	Darrell	Waska
16	Fran	Jackson
17	Anne	Maxfield
21	Barbara	Baisden
23	Randy	Dickinson
23	Lola	Davis
27	Betty	Smith
28	Pauline	Gilblert
28	Nancy	Overholt

THE "FOURTH SUIT FORCING" CONVENTION

The "fourth suit forcing" convention is a powerful tool when used correctly (it is also alertable). The convention can either be played as forcing for one round or game forcing. Make sure that your partnership has agreed upon which variety (one round force, game forcing) prior to using the convention. My regular partnership uses the convention as forcing one round.

After three suits are bid, the fourth suit is forcing. Generally, this excludes the bid of 1 spade in the auction (no interference) 1 club, 1 diamond, 1 heart, 1 spade; most partnerships would play the 1 spade bid as natural and the jump to 2 spades as the fourth suit forcing bid. Again, make sure you have a partnership agreement regarding the aforementioned bidding sequence.

The primary purpose of the convention is to find a fit (generally in a major suit) or to play in a no trump contract. Therefore, after a sequence (no interference) of 1 heart, 1 spade, 2 clubs, the bid of 2 diamonds is "fourth suit forcing". Partner's first obligation is to bid spades with three card support. Lacking such support, partner would bid either 2NT or 3NT with a diamond stopper (depending upon HCP and whether or not the "fourth suit forcing" sequence is game forcing). Having neither three spades or a diamond stopper, partner would rebid either hearts (only promises five) or rebid the club suit (promises five).

One of the drawbacks to the convention is that the convention cannot be used with hands which don't have at least invitational values (i.e. 10+ HCP) if playing one round force or with game values (i.e. 12+ HCP) if playing the convention as game forcing. Therefore, the following hand could not bid 2 hearts after the sequence 1 diamond, pass, 1 spade, pass, 2 clubs, pass, (???):

Spades: AKxxx
Hearts: xxxxx
Diamonds: xx
Clubs: x

Responder would have to take a preference and bid 2 diamonds.
Examples of "fourth suit forcing" auctions:

Example #1	Example #2
Spades: xxx	Spades: xxxxx
Hearts: AKJxx	Hearts: AKQx
Diamonds: KQx	Diamonds: KQx
Clubs: Jx	Clubs: x

Bidding Sequence (no interference) for Example #1:

North:	South:
1 diamond	1 heart
2 clubs	2 spades* (alerted as "fourth suit forcing")

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Fourth Suit Forcing cont'd.

- a. North will bid either 3 hearts or 4 hearts with three card heart support (depending upon partnership agreement concerning the convention).
- b. North will bid 2NT or 3NT, depending upon the hand strength lacking three hearts but having a spade stopper.
- c. North will bid either clubs or diamonds to further describe a hand without either three hearts or a spade stopper.

Bidding Sequence (no interference) for Example #2:

North:	South:
1 diamond	1 spade
2 clubs	2 hearts* (alerted as "fourth suit forcing")

- d. North will bid either 3 spades or 4 spades with three card spade support (depending upon partnership agreement concerning the convention).
- e. North will bid 2NT or 3NT, depending upon the hand strength lacking three spades but having a heart stopper.
- f. Partner will bid 3 hearts with four hearts (i.e. having a 1-4-4-4 distribution hand, opener would bid 2 clubs after 1 spade without sufficient points to reverse; since partner may have a 5-4 distribution in the major suits, the bid of 3 hearts should be forcing to either game in no trump or hearts/spades).

Again, the aforementioned sequence is subject to partnership agreement. Some partnerships would bid (no interference) 1 diamond, 1 spade, 2 clubs, 2 hearts (natural, and forcing); the sequence of 1 diamond, 1 spade, 2 clubs, 3 hearts would be considered "fourth suit forcing", denying a hearts suit).

- g. North will either bid clubs or diamonds to further describe a hand without either three spades, four hearts, or a heart stopper.

Having sufficient HCP for a possible slam, North must be careful not to close out the auction by making a non forcing response (i.e. 3NT).

Conclusion:

The "fourth suit forcing" convention can be a very useful tool when properly used. However, the partnership needs to discuss in detail what is forcing or non forcing to avoid misunderstandings in bidding sequences. The convention also ensures that "no trump" contracts are avoided when neither partner has a stopper in the fourth suit.

This mini-lesson is provided by Scott Campbell to help improve playing levels of all bridge players.

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

Club Masterpoint Leaders for August

Mon/Wed Sun City DBC: 3.67 Joel Rehagen; 3.55 Shirley Gero; 3.14 Ben Brock Ed Oldham; 2.86 Ronni Armstrong; 2.61 Berna Lord; 2.34 Barbara Baisden, Velma Mallet; 2.25 Jim Eves, Cle Nelson; 2.19 Kay Fisher; 2.12 Helen Telford; 1.82 Anita Kingsbury; 1.71 Mo Anvari; 1.54 Sandi Norgaard; 1.42 Monty Fishe, Marguerite Price; 1.40 Kymber Hoover; 1.34 Judy McManus; 1.25 Marguerite Jungles; 1.22 Jerry Huntley; 1.20 Pat Cruz; 1.19 Donna Seyfried, Sue Soderer; 1.121 Ginny Carroll, Norma McGuire; 1.10 Lois Bevins; 1.05 Bea Corley; 1.02 Ruth Kile

Monday Hemet: 3.50 Carl Hoerberling; 3.11 Barbara Revels; 2.95 Kymber Hoover; 2.85 Bill & Rosemary Dimitt; 2.06 Karen Brandt; 1.92 Marie & Richard Lawrence; 1.86 Mary Terell; 1.79 Blair Bowen; 1.60 Joann Thoresen; 1.43 Harold & Sharon Eshelman; 1.24 Itsuko Barton; 1.24 Donna Guillaume; 1.20 Mary Ellen Petersen; 1.16 Peggy Bailey; 1.10 Duane & Karen McComb; 1.05 Dwight Shatto; 1.05 Doris Waugh; 0.91 William Wellman; 0.89 Margo Olson; 0.80 Arden & Dennis Boomgaarden; 0.80 Pauline Gilbert.

Tuesday Murrieta: 4.15 Suzanne Raymond; 3.73 Harvey Lesser; 3.18 Carolyn Waska; 3.05 Mo Anvari; 2.55 Charlene & Harry O'Neil/Carol Wood; 2.38 Joyce Cellilli; 2.11 Mary Palmquist; 2.07 Rami Mina; 1.93 Cleland Nelson; 1.85 Douglass Murphey; 1.74 Margy Jiran/Marlene Koerner/Lloyd Scott; 1.67 Berna Lord; 1.66 Donna Seyfried; 1.65 Edwin Oldham; 1.60 James Wooden; 1.36 Sherril Maag; 1.32 Ruth Kile; 1.20 Lee Hart; 1.10 Charles Fox; 1.06 Jamie Santistevan; 1.03 Sally Carell.

Wednesday Temecula: 5.28 Rick Kerbel; 4.87 Bill Williams; 3.88 Lance Eddy; 3.87 Ronald Williams/ Mo Anvari; 3.29 Fran White; 2.67 Marlene Koerner; 2.47 Caryn Villalon; 2.39 Wicker Gamble; 2.30 Bernard Figueiredo; 2.22 Doug Vanderheide; 2.19 Bob/Frances Jackson; 2.05 Virginia Hoppe; 1.83 Felicia Hogan/Vince Tomasulo; 1.67 Lucille Lockwood; 1.62 Morris Cohen; 1.54 Ruth Brandt; 1.53 James Wooden; 1.41 Richard Duquette; 1.20 Pat Towle; 1.18 Rami Mina; 1.13 Chuck Savage; 1.11 Berna Lord/Carolyn Waska; 1.03 Joyce Cellilli.

Thursday Hemet: 4.36 Bill Williams; 3.46 Peggy Bailey; 3.22 Judith McManus; 2.88 Mary Terell/Kymber Hoover; 2.43 Fred Fairbanks; 2.23 Carl Hoerberling; 2.16 Robert Nye; 2.04 Joann Thoresen; 1.69 Karen & Duane McComb; 1.43 Morgan Roberts; 1.36 William Wellman; 1.24 Pauline Gilbert; 1.06 Robert Judson; 1.06 Paul Hinrichs; 0.99 Peter Mathur; 0.85 Mary Ellen Petersen; 0.80 Barbara Revels/Anne Maxfield; 0.71 Lorraine Donahue; 0.68 Larry Iannotti; 0.67 Richard & Marie Lawrence; 0.56 Gene Stock.

Thursday Temecula: 4.94 Joyce Cellilli; 3.07 James Wooden; 2.60 Joseph Eves; 2.52 Janet Gleason/Sue Soderer; 1.87 Carol Wood; 1.55 Anne Maxfield/Cleland Nelson; 1.42 Cathy Garvin/Beverly Hughes; 1.37 Donna Seyfried; 1.05 Marlene Koerner; 0.99 Fred Kunkle/David Mielke; 0.91 Sherril Maag/Lloyd Scott/Margy Jiran; 0.90 Berna Lord/Carolyn Waska; 0.89 Charles Fox; 0.78 Jean Wooden; 0.64 Jamie Santistevan; 0.63 Barbara McPherson/Suzanne Raymond; 0.60 Darrell Waska.

Friday Sun City: 3.20 Joseph Eves; 2.62 Dale Klinzing/Sarah Rambo; 2.47 Donna Seyfried; 2.39 Sherril Maag; 2.20 Edwin Oldham; 2.16 Bill Williams; 1.98 Cleland Nelson; 1.94 Mo Anvari/Harvey Lesser; 1.89 Kenneth Chia; 1.78 Joel Rehagen; 1.77 Beatrice Corley; 1.58 Anita Kingsbury; 1.57 Judith McManus; 1.47 Kay & Monty Fisher; 1.43 William Wellman; 1.05 Virginia Devoe; 1.05 Larry Rambo/Debra Cameron; 0.90 Kymber Hoover/Carol Wood; 0.83 Rami Mina; 0.78 Helen Telford.

Saturday Temecula: 4.34 Rick Kerbel; 4.22 Cleland Nelson; 3.89 Joyce Cellilli; 3.37 Fran White; 3.22 Joseph Eves; 2.84 Bill Williams/James Wooden; 2.67 Lance Eddy; 2.60 Mo Anvari; 2.22 Douglass Murphey; 2.00 Carol Wood/Sherril Maag/Harold Long; 1.94 Ali Selim; 1.93 Suzanne Raymond; 1.82 Virginia Hoppe; 1.67 Paul Cameron; 1.52 Chuck Savage; 1.50 Harvey Lesser; 1.44 Charlene/Harry O'Neil; 1.32 Marilyn Rumsey; 1.27 Janet Gleason; 1.23 Barbara Baisden/Ben Brock; 1.17 Lucille Lockwood; 1.13 Ron Reeder/Arden & Dennis Boomgaarden/Morris Cohen.

UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - AUGUST 14th.

2.98 James Wooden - Bill Williams; 2.24 Lance Eddy - Rick Kerbel; 1.68 Fran White - Wicker Gamble; 1.40 Karen McComb - Duane McComb; 1.26 Cleland Nelson - Joseph Eves; 1.20 Janet Gleason - Rami Mina; 0.90 Kay Fisher - Monty Fisher; 0.59 Anne Maxfield - Helen Telford; 0.52 Berna Lord - Sherril Maag; 0.52 Beatrice Corley - Suzanne Raymond; 0.47 Jean Wooden - Gerry Fetting.

Stellar Games

75 % Level A 2500 + MP: None Reported.
70 % Level Ax 750-2500 MP: None Reported.
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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September 2011				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
10	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
11	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	Sierra Dawn-Hemet
13	Tues	12:30	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
14	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Thur	12:15	Charity Pairs	Simpson Center-Hemet
15	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
16	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
27	Tues	1:00	Club Championship	Murrieta Senior Center
29	Thur	1:00	Club Championship	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
30	Fri	12:00	Club Championship	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
October 2011				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
			Club Appreciation Month	
3	Mon	12:30	Club Appreciation	Simpson Center-Hemet
6	Thur	12:15	Club Appreciation	Simpson Center-Hemet
9	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	Civic Hall Sun City
10	Mon		CLOSED	Simpson Center-Hemet
11	Tues	12:30	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
12	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
13	Thur	12:15	Charity Pairs	Simpson Center-Hemet
13	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
14	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
14	Fri	6:00	POT LUCK DINNER	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
14	Fri	6:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
23	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
25	Tues	1:00	Club Appreciation	Murrieta Senior Center
26	Wed	12:00	Club Appreciation	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
27	Thur	1:00	Club Appreciation	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
28	Fri	12:00	Club Appreciation	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
29	Sat	11:30	Club Appreciation	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
November 2011				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
1	Tues	12:30	STAC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
2	Wed	12:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
3	Thur	12:15	Club Membership	Simpson Center-Hemet
3	Thur	1:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
4	Fri	12:00	STAC Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
5	Sat	11:30	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
7	Mon	12:30	Club Membership	Simpson Center-Hemet

Summer Sectional
June 1-2-3, 2012
Comm. Rec. Center
Temecula

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

Sept. 11, Hemet

UNIT GAMES

Oct. 9, Sun City