



# Unit 534 Chatter

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## T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

T'was the night before Christmas when all through the valley,  
Shoppers were checking their gift giving tally.  
While down at the bridge club the mood was no diff,  
Each player had hopes of receiving a gift.

Cards were filled out according to Goren,  
And other conventions both simple and foreign.  
Partners discussed their particular style,  
And the director passed out advice with a smile.

Use Blackwood, Gerber, Roman... as well,  
There's Don't, Astro, Mathe, Brozel.  
Try Michaels, Western and many more Q's,  
But use them with care or get bottom board blues.

The boards were passed out to twenty-four teams,  
And they were content with their gift-getting dreams.  
Season's greetings were bid along with each hand,  
And wishes were given to all for slams grand.

North-Souths then nestled snug in their chairs,  
Awaiting defense from sharp East-West pairs.  
When handling trumps declarers took care,  
And hoped that finesses would prove to be there.

When a hand is over both teams must approve,  
Then to the next table East-West must move.  
"Quiet", shouts Debbie. "Button your lips,  
"Please don't give others, any valuable tips".

When from table twelve there rose such a clatter,  
That the other teams shouted, "Hey, what's the matter?"  
Away to the table flew Deb at a run,  
To access the damage that must be undone.

When what to her wondering eyes did appear,  
But two aces of trump and four faces sincere!  
Just who, thought Deb is the mischievous elf,  
Disguised as a player at this table twelve.

Then Santa appeared and said, "Oh what the heck?  
"I substituted a new pinochle deck.  
"I knew that to win you would all not be able,  
"So I offered eight aces to every table."

Then Santa winked and toyed with his beard,  
As eight harnessed reindeer quickly appeared.  
And we heard his exclaim as he flew out the door,  
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a high score."

Suzanne Raymond

## December Birthdays

1	Shirley	Gero
2	Robert	Judson
3	Bill	Miller
4	Ben	Brock
6	Corinne	Carpenter
6	Peggy	Bailey
7	Rosalie	Knight
7	Mort	Weingarten
8	Pat	Hawkins
8	Joyce	Neer
9	Karen	McComb
11	Leon	Carver
15	Sally	Cassidy

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL!**

## UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT November 13, 2011 Temecula

Tables in Play:	12
Number of players:	48
Number of free plays:	3
Number of paid players:	45
Game fee per person:	\$6.00

### RECEIPTS:

Fees paid	\$270.00
Other	\$0.00

**Total Receipts: \$270.00**

### EXPENSES:

Directors Fee:	\$75.00
Site Rental:	\$54.00
ACBL Sanction Fee:	\$15.00
Liability Insurance:	\$57.41
Game Supplies:	\$4.83
re Boards and Hand Records:	\$0.00
Food Supplies:	\$25.46
Other:	\$0.00

**Total Expenses: \$231.70**

**Net Income (Loss): \$38.30**

## DEFENSE AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS

### General Concepts:

The opening lead against suit contracts

A. Choosing the suit (preferably in the following order):

1. Partner's suit.
2. Your suit – strength before length.
3. The unbid suits.
4. Short suits.
5. Long suits.
6. Leading trump.

B. Choosing the card (preferably in the following order):

1. Partner's suit.
  2. Top of a doubleton.
  3. Top of a two-card or longer sequence.
  4. Otherwise low (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> highest, although I recommend 3<sup>rd</sup> highest).
  5. **DO NOT** lead away from an ace.
- Other suits:
6. Top of a two-card or longer suit.
  7. Top of a doubleton.
  8. Otherwise low (I recommend 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> highest instead of 4<sup>th</sup> highest).

Generally, do not lead away from an ace.

### Comments:

1. Leads against suit contracts *appear similar* to leads against no-trump contracts. However, there are major differences in the approach to a suit contract versus a no-trump contract.
2. Listen and learn from the bidding. Learning to visualize your partner's hand and declarer's hand is a major key to a successful defense strategy.
3. Generally, favor strong sequences when leading a suit.
4. Only lead your suit instead of partner's suit if you feel that it will create a better opportunity to minimize declarer's tricks.
5. Leading singletons can sometimes create ruffs for the defense; however, if no ruff happens, these leads frequently lead to additional tricks for the declarer.
6. Leading trump can be very effective, especially if it is the second suit of declarer (i.e. 1♠-P-1♦-P-1♥-P-4♥-P-P-P).  
With three trump, a trump lead might reduce declarer's ruffing power.  
The exception is the lead of a singleton trump (i.e. 1♥)-  
P-3♥-P-4♥-P-P-P). If you lead trump, partner may have the QXX in the trump suit and your lead will finesse your partner.

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## Membership Achievements

**New Member:** Deborah Horwitz

**Transferred In:** Lance Eddy.

Welcome to Unit 534!!

**New Junior Master:** Marilinn Hindus.

**New Sectional Masters:** Sally Burrage.

## DEFENSE AGAINST NOTRUMP CONTRACTS

### General Concepts:

The opening lead against notrump contracts

A. Choose the suit (in the following order).

1. Partner's suit
2. Your suit
3. The unbid suit
4. Considering the contract

B. Choosing the card

1. Partner's suit.
  - a. Top of a doubleton.
  - b. Top of a two-card or longer sequence.
  - c. Otherwise low
2. Your long suit or the unbid suit.
  - a. Top of a three-card or longer sequence, an interior sequence, or a broken sequence.
  - b. Low or fourth best.

### Comments:

The advantage of playing disciplined overcalls is that partner is confident about leading the suit. Learn to believe your partner, not the opponents. Undisciplined overcalls generally result in lack of partnership confidence.

Only lead your suit instead of partner's suit if you feel that it will create a better opportunity to minimize declarer's tricks.

Leading the unbid suit can be risky. The fact that it is unbid doesn't mean that the declarer/dummy is without the suit.

Do not lead the unbid suit instead of partner's suit since this suit may be the outside entry to make additional tricks in partner's suit.

Listen and learn from the bidding. Many contracts can be defeated after seeing dummy and remembering what declarer bid. Learning to visualize your partner's hand and declarer's hand is a major key to a successful defense strategy.

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The new editor for the Chatter will be Harvey Lesser. Please give him all the support you can. Dennis B.

# Club Masterpoint Leaders for November

**Mon/Wed Sun City DBC:** 4.01 Helen Telford; 3.32 Shirley Gero; 2.98 Bob McManus; 2.90 Barbara Baisden; 2.85 Bea Corley; 2.84 Nickolae Gerstner; 2.60 Judy Berard, Ruth Kile; 2.39 Kymber Hoover; 2.06 Fran/Bob Jackson; 1.98 Ben Brock; 1.82 Velma Mallet; 1.76 Marguerite Price; 1.70 Cathy Garvin, Doug Murphey; 1.64 Judy McManus, Donna Seyfried; 1.60 Berna Lord; 1.57 Ed Oldham. 1.50 Ali Selim; 1.49 Emily Gerstbacher; 1.44 Sandi Norgaard; 1.25 Florence Moreno; 1.24 Ronni Armstrong; 1.22 Charles Corli; 1.15 Sue Soderer; 1.04 Kay Fisher; 1.00 Mo Anvari, Jim Eves, Anita Kingsbury, Cle Nelson.

**Monday Hemet:** 3.76 Karen Brandt/3.76 Barbara Revels; 3.57 Carl Hoeberling/Blair Bowen; 3.48 Richard/ Marie Lawrence; 3.37 Bill Dimitt; 2.70 Mary Terell/Peggy Bailey; 2.17 Rosemary Dimitt; 2.16 Karen/Duane McComb; 1.87 Robert Wiley/Grace Ford; 1.68 Barbara Woodson; 1.54 Fred Fairbanks; 1.52 Peter Mathur; 1.23 Kymber Hoover; 1.14 Pauline Gilbert/Joann Thoresen; 1.05 George Spillers; 1.01 Robert Judson; 1.00 Bob Lortie; 0.86 Diane/Tom Markham; 0.80 Charles Carli.

**Tuesday Murrieta:** 4.46 Ali Selim; 3.79 James Wooden/Joyce Cellilli; 3.33 Anita Kingsbury; 2.76 Edwin Oldham/Harvey Lesser; 2.62 Mo Anvari/T Woods; 2.26 Mary Palmquist; 2.25 Beverly Hughes; 2.21 Rick Kerbel/Debra Cameron; 2.16 Suzanne Raymond/Barbara McPherson; 2.13 Cleland Nelson; 2.09 Ben Brock; 1.75 Barbara Baisden; 1.72 Marlene Koerner; 1.65 Olga/George Erickson; 1.33 Peggy Cowherd/Janet Gleason; 1.07 Patricia Towle; 1.00 Muriel Green.

**Wednesday Temecula:** 5.20 Lance Eddy; 5.04 Rick Kerbel; 3.92 Marilyn Rumsey; 3.85 Bill Williams; 3.46 Bernard Figueiredo; 2.71 James Wooden; 2.70 Wicker Gamble; 2.61 Cleland Nelson; 2.58 Joyce Cellilli; 2.30 Marlene Koerner; 2.15 Paul Cameron; 2.14 Fran White; 2.03 Virginia Hoppe; 1.80 Joseph Eves; 1.79 Rami Mina; 1.71 Lucille Lockwood; 1.60 Ronnie Rue; 1.59 Douglass Murphey; 1.56 Peggy Cowherd; 1.55 Roger/Nancy Overholt; 1.45 Mo Anvari; 1.41 Charles Hurd; 1.38 Ali Selim.

**Thursday Hemet:** 2.67 Mary Ellen Petersen/Fred Fairbanks; 2.45 Judith McManus/Kymber Hoover; 2.42 Itsuko Barton; 2.23 Barbara Revels; 2.22 Robert Wiley; 2.22 Grace Ford; 1.96 Tom/Diane Markham; 1.87 Cyrus Rezayat/James Evans; 1.78 Karen Brandt; 1.67 Ann Thomas; 1.46 Duane/Karen McComb; 1.45 Larry Iannotti; 1.44 Carl Hoeberling/Morgan Roberts; 1.38 Marie/Richard Lawrence; 1.13 Herbert Bernstein; 0.75 Donna Guillaume; 0.70 Robert Nye/ Marge Oberlander; 0.63 Joann Thoresen/Peggy Bailey/Bill Williams/Pauline Gilbert; 0.45 George Spillers

**Thursday Temecula:** 3.88 Joyce Cellilli/James Wooden; 2.10 Marlene Koerner; 1.69 Sherril Maag; 1.43 Janet Gleason; 1.38 Joseph Eves; 1.33 Jamie Santistevan/Darrell/Carolyn Waska; 1.07 Anne Maxfield; 0.93 Ali Selim/Suzanne Raymond; 0.80 Margy Jiran/Lloyd Scott; 0.78 Edwin Oldham/Harvey Lesser; 0.74 Arden/Dennis Boomgaarden; 0.72 Dianne Smith/Beatrice Corley/Kathy Sandstrom; 0.50 David Mielke/Fred Kunkle; 0.25 Josephine Haring/Peggy Cowherd.

**Friday Sun City:** 3.85 William Wellman; 2.89 Bill Williams; 2.41 Cathy Garvin/Douglass Murphey; 2.37 Dale Klinzing; 2.04 Charles Fox; 1.91 Harvey Lesser/ Mo Anvari; 1.86 Edwin Oldham/ Mary Palmquist; 1.60 Beatrice Corley; 1.58 Rick Kerbel/Cleland Nelson; 1.58 Gabrielle Sill; 1.53 Patricia Towle/Joel Rehagen; 1.35 Barbara Baisden/Ben Brock; 1.21 Kenneth Chia; 1.20 Joseph Eves; 1.18 Sherril Maag; 1.11 Paul Cameron; 1.11 Fran White; 0.79 Sarah Rambo/Debra Cameron.

**Saturday Temecula:** 4.20 Bill Williams/James Wooden; 3.67 Cleland Nelson/Joseph Eves; 3.56 Fran White; 3.39 Rick Kerbel; 2.41 Morris Cohen; 2.09 Marilyn Rumsey; 2.05 Peggy Cowherd/Virginia Hoppe; 1.89 Lucille Lockwood; 1.84 Harold Long/Charles Fox/Ron Reeder; 1.69 Lance Eddy; 1.68 Suzanne Raymond; 1.63 T.J. Woods; 1.58 Rami Mina; 1.38 Chuck Savage/Sheila Reilly/Barbara Anderson 1.34 Olga/George Erickson; 1.24 Margy Jiran/ Lloyd Scott; 1.14 Anne Maxfield; 1.07 Arden/Dennis Boomgaarden; 1.07 Josephine Haring; 0.98 Sue Soderer; 0.94 Ronnie Rue; 0.64 Jamie Santistevan; 0.64 Janet Gleason; 0.64 Donna Seyfried; 0.64 Ruth Brandt; 0.64 Beatrice Corley.

## UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - November 13, 2011

3.12 James Wooden - Bill Williams; 2.34 Marlene Koerner - Ronald Williams; 1.76 Cleland Nelson - Joseph Eves; 1.62 Karen McComb - Duane McComb; 1.30 Kymber Hoover - Ruth Kile; 1.22 Charles Fox - Peggy Cowherd; 0.99 Virginia Hoppe - Lucille Lockwood; 0.98 Arden Boomgaarden - Dennis Boomgaarden; 0.91 Beverly Hughes - Jay Hughes; 0.78 Ali Selim - Mo Anvari; 0.55 Fran White - Wicker Gamble; 0.54 Anne Maxfield - Helen Telford; 0.38 Lance Eddy - Rick Kerbel; 0.38 Edwin Oldham - Harvey Lesser.

## Stellar Games

**Level A 2500 + MP:** None Reported.

**Level Ax 750-2500 MP:** None Reported.

**Level B: 300-749:** None Reported.

**Level C: 100-299:** None Reported.

**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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## December 2011

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
5	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
6	Tues	12:30	STAC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
7	Wed	12:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
8	Thur	12:15	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
8	Thur	1:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
9	Fri	12:00	STAC Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
9	Fri	6:00	POT LUCK DINNER	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
9	Fri	6:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
10	Sat	11:30	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
11	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	Sierra Dawn-Hemet
Catered Lunch at 12:00 Noon				
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 12:30				
No "Free Play" passes accepted.				
13	Tues	12:30	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
14	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Thur	1:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
15	Thur	12:15	Charity Pairs	Simpson Center-Hemet
16	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
17	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
21	Wed	11:30	Holiday Luncheon	Civic Hall-Sun City
21	Wed		SIGN UP REQUIRED.	Civic Hall-Sun City
21	Wed	12:30	Pairs Game	Civic Hall-Sun City
23	Fri	12:00	Christmas/Holiday Party	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
24	Sat	CLOSED		Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
25	Sun		Christmas Day	
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
31	Sat	10:30	Holiday Potluck Party	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
31	Sat	11:30	Pairs Game	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
31	Sat		NEW YEAR'S EVE	

## Jan-12

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
8	Sun	1:00	UNIT GAME	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
12	Thur	12:15	Charity Pairs	Simpson Center-Hemet
13	Fri	12:00	Charity Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
13	Fri	6:00	Pot Luck/Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
14	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula

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

**Fall Sectional**  
Nov. 16-17-18, 2012  
Webb Hall  
Sun City

**Dec. 11, Sierra Dawn-Hemet**

**UNIT GAMES**

**Jan. 8, Temecula**