

Upcoming Tournaments

Los Alamos Summer Sectional July 30-August 1, 2010

A beautiful scenic spot in northern New Mexico is the venue for the Los Alamos Summer Sectional July 30 to August 1 at the Betty Ehart Senior Center at 1000 Oppenheimer St. Check out the ad this issue of *ScoreCard* for the complete schedule of events and come join us for some fine tournament bridge.

Northern Colorado Summer Sectional August 27-29, 2010

It's only the beginning of summer, but you can start making plans for the end of summer at the Northern Colorado Summer Sectional in Loveland (just off Interstate-25, south of Fort Collins) August 27-29 at the Thomas M. McKee Building at the Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex. See the *ScoreCard* ads all summer long for details.

International City El Paso Labor Day Tournament September 3-6, 2010

El Paso's traditional Labor Day tournament is Sept. 3-6 at the Westside Community Center at 7400 High Ridge. El Paso has been out of the regional business a few years, but they still put on a fine sectional and you won't want to miss this one. Please see the ad in next month's *ScoreCard* issue.

Grand Junction Peach Sectional August 6-8, 2010

Delicious peaches, fantastic western vistas and, of course, bridge will be on tap at the Grand Junction Peach Sectional August 6-8 at the Country Inn at 718 Horizon Drive. Please check out the ad in the next issue for all the crucial information on this delightful tournament at a crossroads of the old west.

District 17 GNT Finals

The District 17 Grand National Team finals were held June 11-13 in Las Vegas. Congratulations to the winning teams.

The Championship Flight winners were Barry Goren, Joshua Donn, Fred Gitelman and Sheri Winestock, all from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Flight A winners were Dom DeFelice, Harley Bress, Spencer Jones, Brandon Sheumaker, Peggy Ware, and Garth Yet-

tick, all from the Denver area.

Flight B winners were Louis Roy, John Hibbs, Dixie Perkinson and Dennis Scholl, all from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Flight C winners were James LaFave, Shirley Miller, Girish Nathan, and Robert Vetter, all from the Denver area.

Each team will receive a travel subsidy of \$1,600 from District 17 for competing in the GNTs finals just before the New Orleans NABC. Good luck to all these teams.



GNT Flight A
Garth Yettick - Peggy Ware - Harley Bress - Dom DeFelice - Spencer Jones - Brandon Sheumaker



GNT Flight B
Dennis Scholl - Dixie Perkinson
Louis Ray - John Hibbs



2nd GNT Open Flight
Drew Casen - Geoff Hampson - Curtis Cheek
Marc Jacobus - Lou Ann O'Rourke - Mike Passell



GNT Flight C
Rob Vetter - Shirley Miller
Girish Nathan - Jim LaFave

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♠K to capture "air." But, forget about scooping up the entire spade suit. Just rise with dummy's ♠K at trick one and start diamonds. *East* can still hold up, but you have the ♠A as a guaranteed entry.

No matter what *East* returns you have two spades, four diamonds, two clubs and a heart for nine tricks and your contract.

Alter the hand a little. It's the same contract but make dummy four spades to the

king, four hearts to the ace, singleton ♠A and four clubs to the ace.

Does that drive home the point of grabbing the ♠K at trick one to unblock the diamonds while the *South* hand still has an entry? On the hand as shown, in a way you still have to "unblock" the diamonds by dislodging *East's* ace. The principle is the same.

Sometimes greed doesn't work.

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cant improvements in the way Swiss team matches are scored and next round pairings are made. We will also be redesigning at least parts of the ACBL website.

We've made progress in developing a database that could someday allow us to flight or strat players in events based on their current skill level. Chris Champion from Colorado Springs has helped us tremendously in this area. We've gone from "there's no way we can do that" to "well, we can see that there are people who are just not competitive in the games in which they're playing." And we can identify them! We're nowhere near a solution at present, but we are actively working on it and making progress.

If you see ways that technology can improve either our game or the administration of bridge, tell us! We know many of you have expertise we'd like you to share. Volunteerism includes sharing information as well as time.

Club Special Events

On July 1, new rules for club special games go into effect. Club managers, if you haven't already done so, please download and install the most recent version of ACBLscore so that the new awards for your club's charity, international fund, junior fund and educational foundation games will compute properly.

Also, please remember that you are limited to one of these special games per sanctioned session in all months except for the three special game months; February (Junior Fund), April (Charity) and September (International Fund), when you can hold as many of the specified special games as you wish. Masterpoint awards for these games will now be at 70% of sectional rating, rather than full sectional rating as before.

I discussed the reasons this change was approved in my last article. Please e-mail or call me if you wish to discuss it further.

ACBL Headquarters Dedication

The dedication of the new ACBL headquarters in Horn Lake, Mississippi will take place on June 28, about the time you receive this issue of the *Forum*. In my next article I'll try to provide you with a good description of the facility and all the details about the museum, library, hall of fame, and other functions that will reside there. ACBL management is planning special exhibits in the spring of 2012 so that players attending the 75th anniversary NABC in Memphis in the spring will be enticed to go to the new headquarters to have a look.

Thanks

Thanks to all of you who have contacted me regarding my eye problem. It will take some time but I'll be fine, and already I have no limitations on what I can do.

Two Way Communication

The last paragraph of each article I write is a request for your input. I am really pleased when one of you takes the time to contact me and provide me with your complaints, suggestions, ideas and even compliments. Why is this important? Because you have different bridge experiences than I do. Because I can best represent you when I know what's on your mind. Because the problems you face may be unique to your area or club. Because it is human nature for several of us to look at an issue and interpret it differently. Most importantly, because you can help make this a better organization. For example, a recent question sent to me has already made it to the Competition and Conventions committee. No submissions are ignored, and all are passed on to the appropriate people if I can't deal with them myself.

So, I say it yet again . . .

Your input and suggestions on any of the above topics (or any other issues you wish to raise) are always appreciated, whether you agree or not. My phone number is 505 662-3036, you can e-mail me at peanutcat@aol.com, or write me at 2175 La Tierra Road, Los Alamos NM 87544-2766.

A special thanks to those of you who have contacted me to share your opinions.

Peach Sectional



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The Country Inn 970-243-5080

718 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO