



Tournament Results

- Thomas Loveday - Suzanne Berg, Sequim WA
- B-A-M Teams (5 teams)**
- Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA - Michael Hovastak, Smyrna GA - Ernest Ledbetter, Las Vegas - James Griffin, Jr, San Bernardino CA
 - 2/3. Rick Lepscier, Las Vegas - Terry Martin, Parkside SK - Moises Ganc Kolodner, Mexico Mexico - Patricia Lutes, Sun City West AZ
 - 2/3.1B. Stephen Chiarello - Janet Fidelman - Mel Fineberg, Las Vegas - Barbara Lotief, Duson
- Swiss Teams (19 teams)**
- John Mohan - Magy Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico - P. Martel, Guadalajara Mexico - Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mex.
 - Pat Moore - Dennis Moore - Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas - Dixie Hsu, San Luis Obispo
 - 1B. Frederick Stevens, Henderson - Bertha Riley, Boca Raton FL - Nancy Fillmore, Las Vegas - Carmela Knauer, N Miami Beach FL
 - 2B. John Hibbs - Robert Woodward - George Churchill - William Johnson, Las Vegas
 - 1C. Ray Call - Karen Call - Frances Hill - Gerry Brenner, Tucson
 - 2/4C. Dixie Sue Allsbrook, Las Vegas - Barbara Bovard, Henderson - Carolyn White - Charles White, Grand Junction
 - 2/4C. Ronald Smith - Betty Witteried, St George UT - Karen Garcia, Washington UT - Violet Ratcliffe, Ivins UT
 - 2/4C. Abbie LeCesne - Errol LeCesne, Houston TX - James Lee - Julia Lee, Las Vegas
- Swiss Teams (16 teams)**
- Blair Fedder - Martha Beecher - Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas
 - Pat Moore - Dennis Moore - Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas - Dixie Hsu, San Luis Obispo
 - 1B. Mel Fineberg - Janet Fidelman - Stephen Chiarello, Las Vegas - Barbara Lotief, Duson LA
 - 2B. Marilyn Haggins - Murray Haggins, Calgary AB - Connie Pflanz - Ben Pflanz, Cochrane
- Swiss Teams (17 teams)**
- Blair Fedder - Martha Beecher - Nancy Schwantes - Prakash Kumar, Las Vegas
 - 1B. Paul Goldensohn - Gertrude Callahan - Nelson Orth, Henderson - B. Gidwani, New York
 - 2B. Marvin Weitzenhoffer - Rick Lepscier - Mark Klein - Richard Hollander, Las Vegas
- Swiss Teams (24 teams)**
- Jan George - Bob Lafleur - Hy Chansky - Chun Ling, Las Vegas
 - Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA - Mariko Kakimoto - Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach CA - Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley - Teresa Thurman, Lakeport
 - 1B. Rande Machotka, Northbrook IL - Edward Matulis - Donna Matulis, Las Vegas - Angie Clark, Glenview IL
 - 2B. Thomas Loveday - Suzanne Berg, Sequim WA - David Johnston - Peggy Johnston, Sun City West AZ
 - 1C. Faye Baker - Ann Blohm, Houston TX - Della Willis, Las Vegas - Tom Miyaoka, Los Angeles CA
 - 2C. George Shelley - Vicki Shelley - Richard Glass - Marsha Glass, St George UT
- Swiss Teams (22 teams)**
- Marilyn Haggins - Murray Haggins, Calgary AB - Connie Pflanz - Ben Pflanz, Cochrane
 - Liz Halloran - Mary Lohr, Las Vegas - Ann Blohm - Faye Baker, Houston TX
- Swiss Teams (17 teams)**
- T.P. Goyal - Thomas Shulman - Robert Johnson - John Scibelli, Las Vegas
 - 1C. Frances Hill - Gerry Brenner - Karen Call - Ray Call, Tucson
 - 2/3C. Bryan Carlson - Trey Gordon - Lorraine Frazza - Albert Leenhouts, Kingman
 - 2/3C. Mike McClain - Phillip Fulkerson, Las Vegas - Donna Stoker, Fairfax VA - Norma Callender, Houston TX
- Swiss Teams (22 teams)**
- Barbara Dunkley - John Scibelli - Thomas Shulman, Las Vegas -

- Gilbert Stinebaugh, Van Nuys
 - Phillip Goatz - Cynthia Goatz - Mark Epstein - Roberta Epstein, Las Vegas
 - 1B. Gerry Brenner - Frances Hill - Karen Call - Ray Call, Tucson
 - 2B. James Tanner, Highland CA - Corliss Serber, Yucaipa CA - Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA - Lenore Cavallero, Hillsborough CA
 - 2/3C. Mike McClain - Dixie Sue Allsbrook, Las Vegas - Donna Stoker, Fairfax VA - Barbara Bovard, Henderson
 - 2/3C. Faye Baker - Ann Blohm, Houston TX - Mark Klein, Las Vegas - Dorcas Downs, Thomsville NC
- Swiss Teams (17 teams)**
- Jenny Pinto - Gregory Nowak - George Vasilevsky, Las Vegas - Bill McClean, Pacific Palisades CA
 - 1B. Michael Marcucci, San Gabriel CA - Dorothy La Maie, Los Angeles CA - Paul Hern, Dayton OH - Patricia Lutes, Sun City West AZ
 - 2B. Katelin Yates, Erie CO - Clinton Heiple - Paul Haynes, Boulder CO - Woody Dillinger, Golden CO
 - 1C. Mike McClain - Phillip Fulkerson, Las Vegas - Norma Callender, Houston TX - Donna Stoker, Fairfax VA
 - 2C. Tom Miyaoka, Los Angeles CA - Della Willis, Las Vegas - Sudha Shah - Bharat Shah, Salt Lake City UT
- Swiss Teams (33 teams)**
- Nels Erickson, Sparks - Sam Wilson - John Jeffrey - Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas - Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA
 - Marilyn Kivel - Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA - Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA - C. Milton Shefchik, Las Vegas
 - 1B. Charles McCrea - Kirby Smith - Daniel McGuire - Doreen Hartwell, Las Vegas
 - 2B. John Adams, San Diego CA - Karen Kimes, Redlands CA - Jill Toth Stokke, Las Vegas - Gary McGough, San Antonio
 - 2/3C. Patrick Cardullo, Las Vegas - Dorothy La Maie, Los Angeles CA - Yosh Mataga, Stockton CA - Zeke Mataga, Glendale
 - 2/3C. Christine Greenberg, Byron MN - Rita Bertsch, Rochester MN - Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA - Lenore Cavallero, Hillsborough CA
- Atomic City Sectional
Los Alamos,
New Mexico
Sept. 25-27, 2009**
- Stratified Pairs (40 pairs)**
- Jerry Shinkle - Larry Bertholf, Albuquerque
 - 1B. Jerry Beck - John Rollinson, Clovis
 - 2B. Paul Bunch - Robert Nunz, Los Alamos
 - 1C. Dirk Stronck II - Veree Alexander, Santa Fe
 - 2C. George Soto - Kay Perks, Albuquerque
- Stratified Pairs (38 pairs)**
- Gary Sawyer, Alto - Billie Mitchell, Ruidoso
 - 1B. Brian Greer, Taos - John Clough, Littleton CO
 - 2B. Mark Mundt - Siegfried Ludwig, Los Alamos
 - 2C. Cynthia Mottle, Corrales - Josephine Atkins, Rio Rancho
- Stratified Pairs (8 pairs)**
- Barbara Pattenella - Ralph Pattenella, Santa Fe
 - 1B. Josephine Atkins, Rio Rancho - Cynthia Mottle, Corrales
 - 2B. Michael Wall, Santa Fe - Samuel Borkowsky, Los Alamos
- Stratified Pairs (22 pairs)**
- Cynthia Mottle, Corrales - Josephine Atkins, Rio Rancho
 - Nancy Lealos - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX
 - 2B. Clifford Rudy, Los Alamos - Robert Darling, La Mesilla
 - 2C. George Soto - Kay Perks, Albuquerque
- 299er Pairs (6 pairs)**
- John Highley, Edmond OK - Gretl Highley, Red River
 - John Caffrey, Albuquerque - Cheryl Mitchell, Corrales
- 299er Pairs (6 pairs)**

- Barbara Kerl - Carl Barber, Albuquerque
 - G. Winifred Stebbins, Taos - Ron Stock, El Prado
- KO Teams I (6 teams)**
- Neil Hunter - Anita Carlson - William Epperson - Jerry Ruther, Santa Fe
 - Gary Dubro, Santa Fe - William Kilgarlin - Dolores Brenner - Sally Sabo, Santa Fe
- KO Teams II (5 teams)**
- Patricia Thomas - Dirk Stronck II, Santa Fe - Jerry Beck - John Rollinson, Clovis
 - Marjorie Wilson - Kenneth Wilson - Robert Nunz - Paul Bunch, Los Alamos
- KO Teams III (6 teams)**
- Dennis Brockway - Mary Dell Nochumson - Ann Marie Graves, Los Alamos - Carmen Chavez, Cicero NY
 - John Ruminer - Jennifer Young - Earle Hanson - Rose Baltrusaitis, Los Alamos
- Swiss Teams (9 teams)**
- Mark Brownstein - Jerry Shinkle - Larry Bertholf, Albuquerque - John Erickson, Peralta
 - 1B. Mark Mundt - Siegfried Ludwig, Los Alamos - Deborah Reichman, Algodones - Michael Gray, Albuquerque
 - 2B. Kenneth Harris - Art McHaffie - Peggy Moran - Frank Moran, Santa Fe
 - 1C. Ron Payton - Brian Greer, Taos - John Clough, Littleton - Kerry Kruskal, Cambridge MA
- Stratified Swiss Teams (19 teams)**
- Billie Mitchell, Ruidoso - Gary Sawyer, Alto - Stephen Kemic, Los Alamos - William Kass, Albuquerque
 - Jerry Shinkle - Larry Bertholf - Mark Brownstein, Albuquerque - John Erickson, Peralta
 - 1B. Patricia Thomas - Dirk Stronck II, Santa Fe - Jerry Beck - John Rollinson, Clovis
 - 2B. Kenneth Harris - Jennifer Harris - Mel Skolnik - Hilary Skolnik, Santa Fe
 - 2C. Joy Green - Donald Hoard, Los Alamos - Carl Spencer, Farmington - Jim Clayton, El Prado
- 199er Swiss Teams (3 teams)**
- Foxx Silveira - David Hill - Audrey Miller - Diane Curless, Santa Fe
- Horn O'Plenty
Sectional
Scottsdale, Arizona
October 2-4, 2009**
- Stratified Pairs (70 pairs)**
- Ben Blacik, Phoenix - Michael Flanagan, Scottsdale
 - 1B. Calvin Marvin, Sun City West - Susan Sneed, Glendale
 - 2B. Monique Greene - Mecha Mattson, Scottsdale
 - 1C. Vivian Jacobozzi - Thomas Potter, Scottsdale
 - 2C. Jevince Carvalho, Glendale - Rodney Bias, Phoenix
- Stratified Pairs (75 pairs)**
- Donna Johnson - Kim Corbin, Scottsdale
 - Estela Schotz, Phoenix - Jason Schroeder, Tempe
 - 1B. Robert Englekirk, Carlsbad CA - Pat Larin, Auburn CA
 - 2B. Kathleen Tracy - Jackie Wielgosz, Goodyear
- Stratified Pairs (9 pairs)**
- Richard Catero, Mesa - Ron Fischer, Scottsdale
 - 1B. Kelly Aanenson - Richard Hunt, Scottsdale
 - 2B. Sandy Fisher, Scottsdale - Michael Wishousky, Mesa
- Stratified Pairs (57 pairs)**
- Lance Malkind - Annette Malkind, Phoenix
 - James Wang - Darcy Schroeder, Tempe
 - 2B.1C. Pat Larin, Auburn CA - Robert Englekirk, Carlsbad CA
 - 2C. Barry Siegwart, Tempe - Sue Robinson, Gilbert
- Stratified Pairs (70 pairs)**
- Dee Horwitz, Scottsdale - C. Jeans, Goodyear
 - Jean Joseph, Scottsdale - Joan Beuchel, Scottsdale
 - 1B. Judy Cecka - Dianne Hall, Scottsdale
 - 2B. Daniel Oditt, Scottsdale - Ora Kintz, Carefree

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made that the proliferation of these games skews masterpoint races and, at least in some cases, the additional cost is borne by the club owners. Despite asking for input on this subject in my last article, I have heard no complaints from anyone in District 17 about the current policy.

After attending the WBF meeting in Sao Paulo, I have submitted a motion that requires attendance at all WBF meetings, except for illness or emergencies, in order for a WBF representative to get his/her expenses for attendance at these meetings reimbursed. Despite what you might think, there is opposition to this motion.

Another motion would create a committee to suggest changes to the relationship of ACBL and its clubs specifically dealing with player complaints about directors and club managers, payment of monies due ACBL, and recognizing exceptional club directors. There will be many more, and I'll report on the meeting in my next column.

Goodwill Committee Selections

It is with great pleasure that I announce my Goodwill Committee selections for 2010. This is a permanent appointment.

Kaye Kernodle from Ruidoso New Mex. is an active and enthusiastic volunteer for the Ruidoso bridge club and the Alamogordo Unit. A few years ago, she agreed to chair the Ruidoso Regionals. These have been tremendously successful, thanks largely to Kaye's efforts in channeling the efforts of a small bridge club. She was the chair of the recently concluded Ruidoso regional.

Barb Bunnell from Phoenix has been a very active behind the scenes volunteer for the Phoenix Unit. She has been responsible for the unit's tournament flyers, has been a force behind the Shuffle, Deal & Play unit newspaper, has served as unit webmaster, was responsible for the daily bulletins at the August Phoenix Regional, and is presently unit vice president.

Bill Michael is a member of the Colorado Springs Unit. He has been a tournament director for the past few years, and you'll see him at all our regionals and many of our sectionals. He has a reputation for being good with the players, and he gets glowing reports from all the tournaments at which he works. He fills an important need, given the scarcity of tournament directors in our district.

Robb Gordon from Sedona, Ariz. is a top flight player who still finds time to volunteer in various capacities. He has been a member of the ACBL Laws Commission for some time, and his contributions are valued. Robb is one district member I can count on to communicate with me on matters coming before the national board of directors, or that affect bridge in general. I find such dialogue valuable and encourage more of it!

Charity Committee

I am happy to announce my selections to the ACBL Charity Committee. The Charity Committee appointments are for one year. Chris and Judy McNaughton from Scottsdale serve as heads of the Phoenix Unit's St. Mary's Westside food drive. In addition, they volunteered to match contributions made during the unit's annual food drive at the October Horn O'Plenty Sectional. (*Editor's Note: See Jamie Rubenstein's story for more on these activities.*)

ACBL Presidency

Since my last article, I followed up my visit to the Nebraska Regional with a trip to Memphis to attend the American Bridge Association (ABA) Summer Nationals. The ABA was founded in 1932 to encourage duplicate bridge among African American players. It runs its own clubs and tournaments, and has its own masterpoint plan and directors. We use common supplies like private scores and ACBLscore.

I attended because I feel that both the ACBL and the ABA have a lot to gain if we work together whenever possible. Playing in this tournament and meeting some of the players was a wonderful experience. I attended meetings where we hope to eventually be able to award dual masterpoints to encourage players to participate in games held by both organizations.

After a few days at home, I attended the WBF meetings in Sao Paulo, Brazil, held at the site of the world championships. Their meetings are much different than ours. The whole board meets for four to five days at the beginning of the tournament, and then has a wrap up meeting about a week later. In between, there are various committee meetings. It's a strange agenda, as it seems more logical to me for committee decisions to be presented to the entire board for action. However, most of the WBF board members leave after the initial set of meetings.

Jose Damiani, WBF President for the past 15 years, is stepping down in the fall of 2010, to be replaced by Gianarrigo Rona from Italy. Las Vegas is one city under consideration for the 2018 WBF championships. The WBF now defines "youngsters" as players age 21 or younger, and "juniors" as 26 or younger.

The 2009 Worldwide Bridge Game held in June made a profit of \$8,000. The WBF made a profit of \$28,000 in 2008 assuming an obligation of \$130K due the WBF from a Russian sponsor is paid. If you are interested, the WBF meeting minutes are located at web2.acbl.org/bb/bod/WBFMinutesExhibit1.pdf

On a sad note, Curtis Cheek, a member of District 17 and a competitor in Sao Paulo, became extremely ill during his time there. At this writing, almost a month after the tournament, he is still in a Sao Paulo hospital, and recovery will take a long time. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

I followed my Brazil trip with visits to Fort Wayne, Indiana (District 8) and Naples, Fla. (District 9). Both were well attended, well run tournaments.

Both featured hospitality suites open to all players. The Florida tournament featured free orange juice and coffee, and a buffet dinner for all players on Thursday. Between these two tournaments, I played a little in our local Los Alamos Sectional.

Neither scoring machines nor pre-duplicated boards are universally offered at tournaments across ACBL-land, though you see one or the other at various tournaments. Eventually, I believe we will see both at all regionals and most sectionals. Both speed up the game and the posting of final results.

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 to 2175 La Tierra Road, Los Alamos NM 87544-2766.

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