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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richard Picheny

RESERVATION & SEEDING SYSTEM -- OPEN GAME

Completion of Beta Test

We have completed our Beta Test of the Reservation and Seeding System. During the three phases of the test we gathered information from players and game directors, tried three methods of seeding the field, a few methods of informing our players of their seat assignments, and made many changes to the program to eliminate bugs and improve the system's performance. We have also adopted policies to ensure that it is clear that our game directors have the authority and mandate to make changes to improve the seeding and balancing of the field and change seating assignments to accommodate players with medical needs to sit in a specific direction.

Town Hall Meeting

On June 26th, Gary Waldron moderated a "Town Hall Meeting" regarding the Reservation and Seeding System. More than 50 members and game directors attended and shared their current thoughts and suggestions regarding the System. Judging by the issues raised and suggestions made at the meeting, after approximately three months of using the system and making modifications and improvements based on suggestions and complaints from the members and game directors, the System is performing better. Gary did a wonderful job running the meeting.

Moving Forward

As we move forward, we will continue to make changes to the System to improve its performance and

make it more robust. The System will continue to seed players based on Average Master Points, with our game directors changing the seeding and stratification generated by the System where necessary to better balance the field.

Please remember that if you are unable to play, it is important that you cancel online before 11:30 am, or if you are unable to cancel online, call the club and leave a message. Failure to show up for a game you are registered for causes delays in starting the game and much additional work for the Game Directors.

Game Directors will continue to attempt to better accommodate requests for N/S or E/W preferences, so long as they do not conflict with proper seeding of the field

It is worth repeating that if you are looking for a Partner for the next or a future Open Pairs game you can see who has already registered for that game by clicking on the drop down arrow in the box that reads "Line up for XXXXXX, XX" (Month, Day). You'll be able to see who is not registered to play at SOCBC on a particular date by clicking on the drop down arrow in the box that reads "Select Reservation Date," selecting a date, clicking on the box that reads "Select/Modify/Find Partner," and clicking on the drop down arrow in the box that reads "XXXXXX, XX (Date) and Choose Partner. If you are trying to book a reservation with a particular partner on a certain day and his or her name does not appear on the list of available players, try entering his or her ACBL number. If he or she already booked for

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**FOURTH OF JULY
CHARITY GAME**
July 4

MENTORING
July 11

EIGHT-IS-ENOUGH
July 13

UNIT GAME
July 16

**BAROMETER
GAMES**
July 3, 19 & 21

LOSER ON LOSER PLAY

By Eddie Kantar*

		♠ 87532	
		♥ 82	
		♦ Q105	
		♣ KJ7	
♠ QJ9			♠ 10
♥ AQ3			♥ KJ10964
♦ AKJ4			♦ 873
♣ 942			♣ A65
		♠ AK64	
		♥ 75	
		♦ 962	
		♣ Q1083	
<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: Spade Ace

Bidding Commentary: East has a near maximum Weak Two bid and West, a choice of responses. A raise to 4♥ is reasonable, as is 2NT asking for more information. If West tries 2NT, East bids 3♣ showing a feature—the ace or king. This guarantees that West will bid game.

Defensive Commentary: As North, give count in spades. After declarer has preempted or bid two suits and partner leads the ace, presumably from ace-king and dummy has the queen, third hand gives count playing the ♠2. (Lowest from an odd number of cards.)

As South, it looks right to switch to a low club at trick two. Partner figures to have an honor or two in the suit given the fact that East has a weak hand. As North, play the ♣K at trick two, the higher of unequal honors. If you had equal honors such as the QJ, play your lower equal.

Play Commentary: As East, you start with 9 top tricks: 6 hearts, the AK of diamonds and the ♣A. Rather than pin your hopes on the diamond finesse, use the ♠QJ in dummy to develop your 10th trick. Win the ♣A, draw trumps ending in dummy and lead the ♠Q, discarding a club. South wins the king, cashes the ♣Q and leads a third club that you trump. All that is left is to cross to dummy with a diamond and discard a diamond on the ♠J. No diamond finesse is necessary.

When dummy has the second and third ranking cards in a suit, ♠QJ, (the ace has already been played) facing a void, think loser on loser play. Lead a spade equal and discard a loser. After the opponents take the trick, use the other equal to discard another loser. You gain a trick.

Editor's Note: Naturally, if you lead ♠Q and North covers with the King (unlikely since South lead the ♠Ace), then Declarer ruffs the ♠K and still gets to throw away the Diamond loser on the high spade Jack in dummy.

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MENTORING IN JULY

We will have another great Mentoring Class in July This month it's taught by *Gary Waldron*, and the topic is BERGEN RAISES. Mark your calendar for July 11th, 9-11:30 AM. The cost continues to be \$10.

Gary will present his lesson, followed by supervised playing of eight hands that will reinforce the lesson. You won't want to miss this great explanation of BERGEN RAISES and the critique of play at the tables.

Please join us with or without a partner. We can provide you with a great one.

If you plan to come, please email *Sharon Rippy* by Friday, July 7th, at fleurpdlur@cox.net. She needs to provide Mentors for each table, and an accurate head count is important. In your email, please indicate your and partner's number of Master Points.



JULY FOURTH CHARITY GAME & LUNCH

Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Beans,
Watermelon . . . Plus Goodies

Lunch at 11:45 AM

Game at 12:30 PM

Please sign up online

There'll be plenty of food
for everyone.

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that day, his or her reservation will be displayed. If you are unable to find a partner, please call or email Joyce Potter.

THE LONGEST DAY

On June 21st, SOCBC participated in the Longest Day event sponsored by the ACBL, in which we raised money for Alzheimer's research.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

New bridge players and students are essential to our continuing success. Please contact Bob Levine if you are interested in helping locate and recruit new members to take lessons and/or play at SOCBC. We are undertaking a campaign to visit and post brochures at nearby churches, community centers, independent assisted-living facilities and in the Marbella development. If any of the facilities we visit are interested we would be happy to offer introductory bridge lessons at their facility.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

On June 6th, a representative from the Orange County Fire Department presented valuable information on Medical Emergency Response Procedures. The presenter made it clear that calling 911 when an individual displays symptoms of a heart attack, stroke or otherwise is in medical distress can be life-saving. Driving oneself to an emergency room or having someone else drive you, rather than being transported in an ambulance is a critical mistake. We will make changes to our standing rules to

EIGHT-IS-ENOUGH AND NLM SWISS TEAMS

Thursday, July 13th

A: 1800 & above	3 points
B: 900 to 1799	2 points
C: 0-899	1 point

No team may have more than 8 points

Partnerships

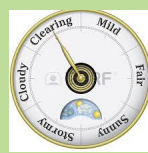
Open: Fran Blattner (949) 366-9033

franbillb@cox.net

NLM: Joyce Potter (949) 582-1401

For Eight is Enough games, please try to make partner/team requests before July 5th.

Note that there is no online advance registration for Team Games.



Barometer Games

July 3, 9:00 AM	0-29 MPs
July 19, 9:00 AM	0-49 MPs
July 21, 9:00 AM	0-99 MPs

address these issues.

2017 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The 2017 Membership Directories are available at the Bridge Center. Please pick up a Directory and consider making a voluntary contribution of a dollar or two to cover the printing cost of the directory. □

CLASS AND EDUCATION SCHEDULES

Gale Senter and John Jonas are our Education Chairpersons. Contact Gale at galesenter@cox.net or John at jjlapher@gmail.com if you have questions about any of the classes we offer, or perhaps would like to see offered. A schedule of courses for the next few months can be found on the [website](#).

MONDAY EVENINGS: EASYBRIDGE III+

7:00 PM–10:00 PM ... No Partner Required (but come at 6:45 PM if you need one)

- July 3 – Spotting Losers ... not so easy.
- July 10 – Eradicating Losers ... easier than you think.
- July 17 – Time to Pull Out a Second Suit.
- July 24 – Counting to 13 May Not Do It Anymore.
- July 31 – What is a "Big" Card?

Need more information? Email Sally at: sallypelmeear@cox.net.

CLASS & EDUCATION SCHEDULES - Cont.

MONDAY MORNINGS: PINPOINT BIDDING JOIN A GREAT GROUP OF PLAYERS AT SOCBC!

July 10: Opening Major Suits & Rebids by Opener

How to find the perfect contract!

- Rebids when responder has a fit with partner
- Rebids when responder has no fit with partner

July 17: Opening or Overcalling 1NT

Making the best responder bid and opener rebid to find the perfect contract!

- Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Texas Transfers

July 24: The Power of the Preempt

Opening at the 2, 3, 4 or 5 level

- How does the opponent handle this obstructive bid?
- How does partner handle these bids with a strong hand?

July 31: Take-out Doubles & Overcalls

Competitive Bidding Challenges

- When & how you enter an auction after opponent opens the bidding?
- Do you belong in a part score, game or slam contract?

August 7: Slam Bidding

Are you in the slam zone or game zone?

- Blackwood and Gerber conventions
- Powerful hands to bid

Monday mornings- 9:30-11:30 AM. Five-week class fee: \$75. No partner necessary

All classes include a 45 minute lesson, 8 pre-dealt boards to play, handouts, weekly review session

Contact Janedober@gmail.com to enroll or for further information



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: EASYBRIDGE 2

Easybridge 0-49 Class and Game. We play 15 Boards from 9:00-11:30 AM. Cost is \$10 for Class and Game.

We are continuing our lessons on filling out the Convention Card and reviewing those conventions as we progress this month.

- July 5th Game but no class (due to Regional Tournament in Long Beach)
- July 12th Over Opp's T/O Double
- July 19th Barometer Game
- July 26th VS Opening Preempt Double is...

This is a great place to start earning your Masterpoints. We are a friendly group. Please join us with or without a partner. We guarantee you a partner.

You won't want to miss our Barometer Game the 3rd Wednesday of the Month with its immediate feedback and strategies.

If you have any questions please contact Sharon Rippy: fleurpdlur@cox.net

Hope to see lots of you returning or joining us.

CLASS & EDUCATION SCHEDULES - Cont.

THURSDAY MORNINGS: BEGINNING BRIDGE For beginning players.

Beginners . . . Please join us for five weeks of Supervised Play on Thursday mornings this summer.

Supervised play sessions will be held July 13 through August 10th, 9:30AM-11:30AM

Improve your bridge through supervised instruction as you play practice hands. Your instructor will provide advice about bidding, play of the hand and defense in a relaxed learning environment.

Each session will begin with a short lesson. No partner needed. Tell your friends.

Pre-requisite: Beginning Bridge 1, Modern Bridge Part 1 or equivalent.

Note: These sessions are not "sanctioned" games and therefore will not earn masterpoints. Students will keep personal scores.

The fee is \$10.00 per session

For more information contact: Ellen O'Brien 949-369-9020 or Marti Moss at martimoss43@gmail.com.



FRIDAY MORNINGS: FOR NEW PLAYERS (0-99 MP)

Our lessons on Friday morning are on hiatus for the summer! We are doing this to provide an opportunity for you to play more. And you know what they say – Practice Makes Perfect! Well, that's true with bridge too. Your game will improve when you play more.

Game time is 9 AM sharp, and we will play 18 boards! Help us start the game promptly by arriving in a timely fashion. Cost is \$10 for the game. We will continue to offer the monthly barometer game.

Dates this month are: July 7, July 14 and July 28. **NOTE: July 21 is our Barometer Game**

Please come and join our group, no partner needed. We guarantee you will play. This is a very fun and friendly group. The more you play, the more comfortable you will become with the bidding and the play of the hand.

Lessons will resume in September. Remember, this is your game, help us teach you what you want to learn! Let us know if there are certain topics you would like us to cover.

Contact Susan Bristol at bristolsgg49@gmail.com or Trudi Hanscom at t.hanscom@live.com for more information.

COMING IN AUGUST

TUESDAY MORNINGS: A NEW TWO CLASS SERIES BY HAL BINDER.

This series will focus on what you should have when overcalling.

- A single-suited hand
- A two suited hand
 - Michaels
 - Unusual No Trump
- Responding to partner's overcall
- How your seat position affects your overcall

Fee for the two classes is \$30

Reserve your place by email at halbinder@cox.net or by telephone at (949) 697-4944

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