



South Orange County Bridge Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richard Picheny

RESERVATION & SEEDING SYSTEM

Non-Life Master Section

After testing and improving the Reservation and Seeding System for the *Open Game* during the past four months, we are planning to introduce it to our *Non-Life Masters* in the near future. We anticipate that the improvements made during the Beta-Test period will allow a smooth introduction for our Non-Life Masters.

Cancellation of Reservations

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 will cause delays in starting the game and much additional work for the Game Directors.

Seating Preferences

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

Looking for a Partner

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 are 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 the player is already booked for that day, his or her reservation will be displayed. If you are unable to find a partner, please call or email [Joyce Potter](mailto:Joyce.Potter).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW & ADVANCED BEGINNERS

\$5 Thursday Game

In order to encourage our newer players to begin playing in our afternoon games, we are offering a discounted entry fee of \$5 for our Thursday afternoon 0-199 game.

Other SOCBC Offerings during August

SOCBC offers many opportunities for new and advanced beginners to play, learn, and hone their newly acquired skills. Check our calendar for our August offerings, which include classes, 0-to-49 games, 0-to-99 games, Supervised Play, and Barometer Games.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

We are offering the following intermediate classes during August: Hal Binder on Over Calls on Tuesday August 8th and 15th; Dick Leach on Preempts on Tuesday August 22nd; and a class on New Minor Forcing by Debbie and Alan Gailfus on August 29th.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

While some of our members are compensated for teaching or directing and some of us are given free plays for performing other important tasks, SOCBC is still a volunteer-based bridge Center. We are successful in large part because of the selfless efforts and contri-

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EIGHT-IS-ENOUGH
August 10

MENTORING
Resumes in October

**BAROMETER
GAMES**
August 14 & 18

UNIT GAME
August 20

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butions of our members. Members of our Board of Directors spend countless hours ensuring that we continue to grow and provide a wonderful environment in which to play bridge and socialize. Many of us perform a large number of tasks that although seemingly minor are vital to our games and classes running smoothly. Our bridge players are an aging population; for SOCBC to survive we must attract new younger members. While I would be overjoyed to see high school and college students and people embarking on careers begin to play at our club, I must acknowledge that in our case, younger includes everyone under the age of 73. In order to help us attract new members we must increase our marketing efforts. Therefore, I implore you to volunteer (see the following section) to help us reach out to potential "young" members to learn or continue playing bridge at SOCBC. If you are not already at your limit in terms of contributing your expertise or efforts to SOCBC, please contact [Bob Levine](#).

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 that facility. □

FIRST EVER SOCBC WEDDING - MAUREEN AND RON

Maureen Morden and Ron Nath sealed their partnership on Saturday, July 29th.

Maureen and Ron met approximately three years ago at one of Sally Pelmear's Monday night classes shortly after Maureen returned to Orange County from Bend, Oregon. They played together a few times, and quickly became a twosome.

Their original plan had been to wed on a recent cruise from Rome to Barcelona, but when red tape interfered, bridge pals Deborah and Al Carver stepped up and offered their home for the nuptials. To compound the bridge-centrism of the event, Bob and Marilyn Cavanaugh catered the festivities, Sally Pelmear arranged the flowers, and Diana Schmitz provided the bride's bouquet.

Our best wishes go out to Maureen and Ron for many years of happiness in their bridge and life partnerships!
(Photograph on page 3)

THE MAGIC CARPET

Notice how beautiful our carpeting looks now that we have had it cleaned?

Here's the way to keep it looking clean:

- If your mother is not there to pick up after you, please pick up after yourself.
- If you cannot bend over to pick up after yourself, ask a friend to help.
- If you see something that someone else has spilled or dropped, please pitch in and take care of it.

We have a hand vacuum in the storage closet and carpet cleaner/spot remover under the sink in the kitchen that are anxious to be used!



SCENT OF A WOMAN . . . AND A MAN

We would like to remind everyone that scented perfumes, body oils, lotions and sprays may be a problem for others.

Some individuals are allergic to, get headaches from, or have reactions to strong scents.

Please keep this in mind as one more way to be considerate of our co-players.

HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 9th

Our SOCBC Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th.

For those who are new to the club, this is a full day of festivities not to be missed.

We start with a light breakfast, our General Meeting, the morning game, a fabulous lunch at Ciao Pasta and then an afternoon game.

Get in the holiday mood – book your favorite partner and join the fun!



MENTORING

There will be no mentoring in August and September. We will resume in October. Details will be available in an upcoming Newsletter. fleurpdlur@cox.net.

~SUSAN BRISTOL~

We welcome all new members and transfers from other units, but this month we want to extend an extra special welcome back to Susan Bristol. Susan responded to a newspaper ad in 2003 for classes taught by Sally Pelmeur at Dana Harbor Bridge Center. She joined ACBL, and our Unit, then moved elsewhere for a while, and now is back.

Along with Trudi Hanscom, she has been teaching Friday mornings for 0-99ers and has become an enthusiastic and valued asset to our Education Team. Welcome back, Susan!

STaC WEEK, AUGUST 21-27

- Monday Afternoon: Open and NLM (up to 500 MP)
- Monday Evening 0-750
- Tuesday Afternoon: Open and 299
- Wednesday Afternoon Open and NLM (to 500)
- Wednesday Evening Open: Swiss Teams
- Thursday: Open and 199
- Friday Morning: 99
- Friday Afternoon: Open and NLM (to 500)
- Saturday Afternoon: Open
- Sunday Afternoon Swiss Teams: Open

NOTE: The Wednesday morning Easybridge lesson and game will continue but will not be a STaC game.

EIGHT-IS-ENOUGH AND NLM SWISS TEAMS: THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

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 & NLM: Joyce Potter (949) 582-1401

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

There is no online advance registration for Team Games.



Barometer Games

August 14, 9:00 AM 0-29 MPs
August 18, 9:00 AM 0-99 MPs

PLAY IN OUR ANNUAL NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL

September 30 and October 1, 2017

Look out for our signup sheet coming August 15th.

Sign up to play and to compete for SILVER, Saturday, Sunday or both days!

Or sign up to volunteer. We will need volunteers to cook, to serve, and to help make this another fabulous experience for our future Life Masters.

SAVE THE DATE!

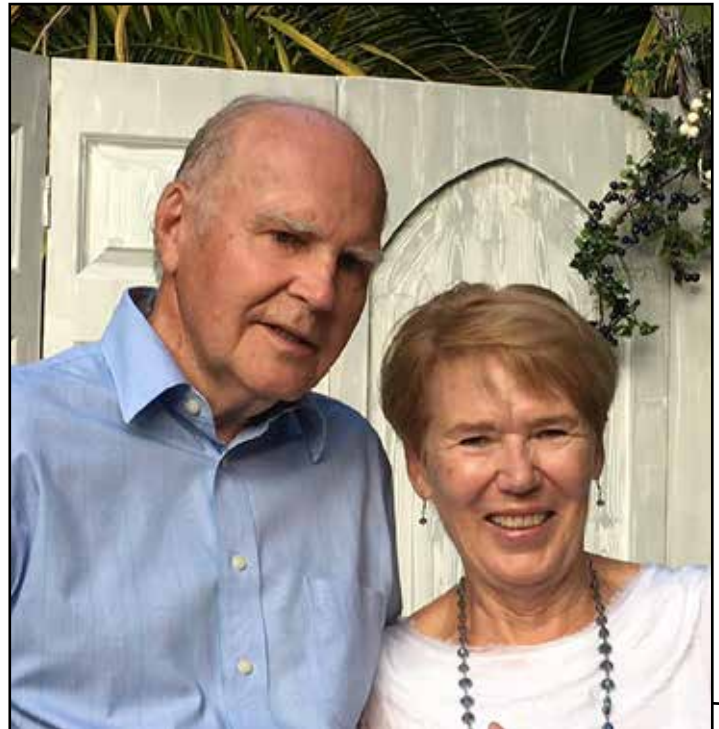
LOCAL UNIT GAMES

Balboa Unit 515 - August 6 Lunch 1:00 Game 1:30

Saddleback Unit 525 - August 13 Lunch 12:30 Game 1:00

SOCBC Unit 538 - August 20 Lunch 12:30 Game 1:00

♥♥♥ RON & MAUREEN ♥♥♥



Fabulous garden setting, delicious food, wonderful families and friends and a beautiful bride all contributed to a happy and joyous wedding.

CLASS 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. The [website](#) shows a schedule of courses for the next few months.

MONDAY MORNINGS: PINPOINT BIDDING CLASS CONCLUDES

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. Class fee: \$15. No partner necessary

The class include a 45-minute lesson, 8 pre-dealt boards to play, handouts to support lesson.

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

MONDAY EVENINGS: EASYBRIDGE III+

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

- August 7 - Giving Control to Partner (There's a Time for Everything).
- August 14 - Cashing Your Winners at Just the Right Time.
- August 21 - Fast moves and When to Make Them (Unblock, Overtake, Duck ... Run).
- August 28 - Using *Their* Trump to *Your* Best Advantage.

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

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

August 8 & 15. 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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

TUESDAY MORNING: HOW TO PREEMPT THE OPPONENTS AND NOT YOUR PARTNER

Dick Leach gives a One-Session Class on PREEMPTS on Tuesday, August 22nd, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Learn how to make effective 2, 3 and 4 level preemptive bids.

Your goal of course is to obstruct the opponents, but at the same time, you don't want to damage your chances of bidding a game or a slam.

If you attend this course, you will acquire the tools to take the guesswork out of how high to bid.

The cost is \$12. To enroll, contact Dick at: leachsctennis@cox.net

CLASS SCHEDULES - Cont.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: EASYBRIDGE 2

Easybridge 0-49 Class and Game. We play from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. The cost is \$10.

During this month we will have just one (mini) class on Wednesday, August 2nd, where we will be reviewing Responses to 1 of a Major opening bids. For the remaining Wednesdays we will play 18 hands each time (no class) to give you more practice. This is a great place to start earning your Master Points in a relaxed atmosphere, with a friendly group of players. Hope to see lots of you returning or joining us.

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

THURSDAY MORNINGS: SUPERVISED PLAY FOR BEGINNING STUDENTS

Beginners . . . Please join us for the two remaining weeks of Supervised Play on *Thursday Mornings* this summer.

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

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.

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 Marti Moss at martimoss43@gmail.com or Ellen O'Brien at obhoney@aol.com

THURSDAY MORNINGS: BEGINNING BRIDGE II

Prerequisite: Beginning Bridge I or equivalent

Dates: August 17, 24 and 31; September 14, 21 and 28; October 5 ;and 12: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Challenge your mind, meet new friends, and become a part of the thriving duplicate bridge community in South Orange County [[Map](#)].

Classes include interactive presentations on topic(s) of the day interspersed with play of practice hands. Curriculum uses Jim Ricker's *Beginning Bridge: Using 2 Over 1* workbook as well as handouts.

Topics: Weak Twos and Pre-empts; Introduction to 2 Over 1 Game Forcing; Introduction to 1 NT Forcing; Club Openings & Slam Conventions

Fee: \$80 for the series. Instructor: *Marti Moss*, Accredited ACBL Teacher

For questions or to register, contact instructor at martimoss43@gmail.com

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

Our lessons on Friday morning are on hold 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: August 4, 11 and 18. **NOTE: August 25 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 bristolsg949@gmail.com or Trudi Hanscom at t.hanscom@live.com for more information.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

MONDAY MORNINGS: IMPROVING YOUR JUDGMENT - AUDREY GRANT SERIES

The Perfect classes for the Advancing Beginner & Intermediate Bridge Player- Take your bidding to another level

Part 1- Improving your Judgment

- September 11: Responding to an opening bid of a minor suit. How to find a No Trump contract
- September 18: The Rule of 20
- September 25: When to interfere over a 1NT opening bid. How to deal with the interference by opponents
- October 2: Opening on the 2 level. What bid by responder is forcing, What does 2NT by responder mean?
- October 9: Barometer Game 0-29 MP.

Monday mornings- 9:30-11:30 AM. Class fee: \$15. No partner necessary.

The class include a 45-minute lesson, 8 pre-dealt boards to play, handouts to support lesson.

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TUESDAY MORNINGS: MINOR SUIT BIDDING - BY HAL BINDER.

Minor suit bidding is probably the most neglected part of bridge. All the emphasis is placed on No Trump and major suits.

The class will be four Tuesdays, September 12th to October 3rd from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at South Orange County Bridge Center [[Map](#)]

The following topics will be covered;

- Opening minor suits
- Inverted raises and flip flop
- Criss cross convention (Crossover)
- Bidding minor suit contracts after partner opens 1NT
- Asking for key cards and Minorwood

Fee for the four classes is \$60

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



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: EASYBRIDGE 1 BEGINS AGAIN

At the South Orange County Bridge Center [[Map](#)]

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 20th, when a new class of EASYBRIDGE 1 starts.

This is the perfect place to learn bridge for the first time, so tell your friends and neighbors who are interested.

Since we have to plan ahead and order workbooks, please sign up ASAP!

The cost is \$15 for the workbook and \$10 per class.

Sharon Rippy fleurdur@cox.net

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