



Volunteer Profile



Judy Cook

Judy Cook is the unassuming volunteer who does so much for the club. With Ninja-quiet stealth, she provides all the snacks and ice cream for our enjoyment!

Judy came to the bridge club in 2013 when a friend asked her to accompany her in taking bridge lessons. Judy added, "She quit but I stayed! I liked Bob Mault and enjoyed his morning class." Other than a brief exposure to Canasta during third grade, Judy had never played cards before. She literally started her bridge journey by learning the number of cards in a deck, the four suits, and the ranking of the honors.

After Sharon assumed responsibility for the club, Judy was playing in the

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Special Events August 2020

Online Schedule Daily Games

ALLIANCE games are held at www.bridgebase.com.

7:00 a.m.	\$7	0-299 Blue
7:00 a.m.	\$7	Open
8:00 a.m.	\$7	0-499 Green
8:30 a.m.	\$8	0-1000 Pink
10:00 a.m.	\$8	0-299 Blue
10:00 a.m.	\$8	Open
10:30 a.m.	\$8	0-99 Red
11:30 a.m.	\$8	0-1000 Pink
12:30 p.m.	\$8	0-299 Blue
1:00 p.m.	\$8	Open
2:45 p.m.	\$8	0-499 Green
4:00 p.m.	\$7	Open

back room when Sharon announced that she needed volunteers to help out. No one said anything, so later Judy quietly stepped up and took over the weekly shopping. Paul Pettler is organized and gives her lists and samples of what she needs to get from Smart & Final. Then, of course, there are the as-needed runs for ice cream—FIVE gallons per week! Judy explained, "I don't eat a lot of ice cream so I just rotate the flavors each time based on what's available." Of course, everyone has an opinion and suggests their favorite flavor to Judy; Jean Metz

famously loved Dulce de Leche. An "adjunct duty" came with this job; Judy has to periodically defrost the old upright freezer that stores the ice cream. She accomplishes all this with a smile and without making a fuss.

Judy was recruited to be a member of the Unit 557 board and, with her experience and organization, she assumed responsibility for snacks for the unit games and tournaments.

In her life before bridge, Judy was a public school teacher for 24 years. Initially an English teacher

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in Garden Grove Unified School District, she discovered that many students couldn't comprehend what they were reading. Thus began her quest to make a difference before kids got to high school. She became a reading specialist and, after a year's training at CA State San Bernardino, she spent four years as a Reading Recovery teacher. After that, she continued working with teachers—training and supporting them to do small-group reading instruction. I was one of those teachers, so I was excited when I came to the club and reconnected with Judy!

Judy and her husband Ray have three children—twin sons, engineers Josh and Jonathan, and a daughter Allison who is a third-grade teacher—and two grandsons. After retiring Judy volunteered in Allison's classroom three days a week for seven years while also collecting and leveling books for the school's independent reading program.

Bridge is an ongoing challenge for Judy. She's a disciplined and dedicated student: attending Bridge Brigade classes, participating in Dalia and Rob's supervised play classes, and now reviewing game hands or playing with robots on BBO. In addition to these learning experiences, she plays in games and now on BBO at least four times a week.

Other than bridge, Judy's passion is travel. At age 19, she moved by herself to work at the medical school of the University of Basel in Switzerland, using that as her base to travel throughout Europe. During college, Judy had worked as

a technician at a hospital in Boston. A German doctor put her in contact with the people in Switzerland. Judy was involved in early chromosome research at the lab in Basel. Using an electron microscope, she photographed chromosomes and then enlarged them for study.

After she retired fifteen years ago, Judy and her husband took two international trips every year, traveling with two different groups of friends. She particularly enjoyed the ones to places where the culture and living conditions were vastly different than ours. She recounted, "I especially remember a trip to the high-altitude steppes of Kyrgyzstan in the Near East bordering on China. Mixed herds of wild animals wandered through the yurt camp where we were staying."

At the same time, Judy got involved with a group of women who traveled to Guatemala two or three times a year for 11 years to support the indigenous people. They would visit remote villages where the women were making jewelry and beaded bags that were brought back to California to sell. The proceeds were used to fund charities in the area such as a women's clinic or schooling for girls.

Just last year, Judy took her second safari to Africa where she visited Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia, and Zimbabwe—staying in tent camps and appreciating the wildlife and nature. Judy often travels with her friend Marlene Kupetz and hopes to resume once a Covid-19 vaccine is available.

Judy enjoys bridge because "all of it is a challenge." Her advice to newer players is "be patient with yourself. Duplicate bridge can be hard on your self-confidence because it is such a public journey.

Celebrate your improvements and what you learn—not just the posted scores."If the club were open, we could have an ice cream sundae, root beer float, or ice cream sandwich to celebrate all Judy does for us. Until then, think of her the next time you're enjoying a summer treat of ice cream. Thank you again, Judy!

by Lillian Slater



Who is this little darling?

Go to our Facebook page - Long Beach Bridge for the answer.

Were you a cute kid? Of course you were! Be the next little darling. Send photos to: ardeaux1@gmail.com.



Last month's little darling:
Jon Yinger





Unit 557 2019 Awards

Mini-McKenney

0-5	Melanie Smothers
5-20	Frances Gross
20-50	Sandra Schlosser
50-100	Ardie Laine
100-200	Lillian Slater
200-300	Russ Gray
300-500	John Hagman
500-1000	Alan Olschwang
1000-1500	Dalia Hernandez
1500-2500	Kiyo Nagaishi
2500-3500	Kay Tseng
2500-5000	John Melis
5000-7500	Mark Tang

Mini-McKenney

The Mini-McKenney masterpoint contests, named for former ACBL chief, William McKenney, recognize the ACBL members who win the most points during a calendar year. ACBL-wide leaders are recognized in Bridge Bulletin. Units may choose to recognize winners in a category based solely on the number of masterpoints they had at the beginning of the year. The color of a player's points is immaterial.

Awards

Ace of Clubs: Two free plays* for winners. One free play for second and third place in each category.

Mini-McKenney. Two free plays for winner

BBO: One free play for winner.

*unit games in person at clue

Irma Johnson Award

John Melis
Most unit game points

John Killian Award

Ardie Laine
Most points April and November sectionals.

Mark Teaford Award

Lillian Slater
Most points earned at club by player with under 499 points.

BBO

0-5	Priscilla Caillouette
5-20	Estelle Byrness
20-50	Julie Deluccio
200-300	Laura White
300-500	John Hagman
500-1000	Nancy Conger
1000-1500	Cooie Dampman
1500-2500	Jan Wagner
2500-3500	Renee Hoffman
2500-5000	John Ionescu
5000-7500	Mark Leonard

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs contest recognizes achievement at the club level. The contest is named in honor of Shanbrom, a Grand Life Master from Tamarac, FL, who won her category twenty times. Shanbrom died in 2013.

Only masterpoints won at clubs are counted for these races. The totals exclude points won in Sectional Tournaments at clubs. Online points are not included.



Ace of Clubs

0-5	1. Melanie Smothers 2. Priscilla Caillouette 3. Carolee Windsor
5-20	1. Frances Gross 2. John Kilmer 3. Charlotte Roush
20-50	1. Sandra Schlosser 2. Jim Werner 3. Carolyn Byrnes
50-100	1. Charles Laine 2. Ardis Laine 3. David Hoyt
100-200	1. Lillian Slater 2. Ellen Kice 3. Mark Singer
200-300	1. Russell Gray 2. William Heck 3. Marilyn Landau
300-500	1. John Hagman 2. Sylvia Kaprelyan 3. Sue Boswell
500-1000	1. Alan Olschwang 2. Colleen Gardner 3. Robert Bakovic
1000-1500	1. Dalia Hernandez 2. Robert Preece 3. Pamela Cole
1500-2500	1. Kiyo Nagaishi 2. Judith Jones 3. Betty Witteried
2500-3500	1. Kay Tseng 2. Jo Melis 3. Steven Rowe
2500-5000	1. John Melis 2. Jackie Hess 3. John Petrie
5000-7500	1. Mark Tang 2. Mark Leonard



June Status Changes

Junior Master

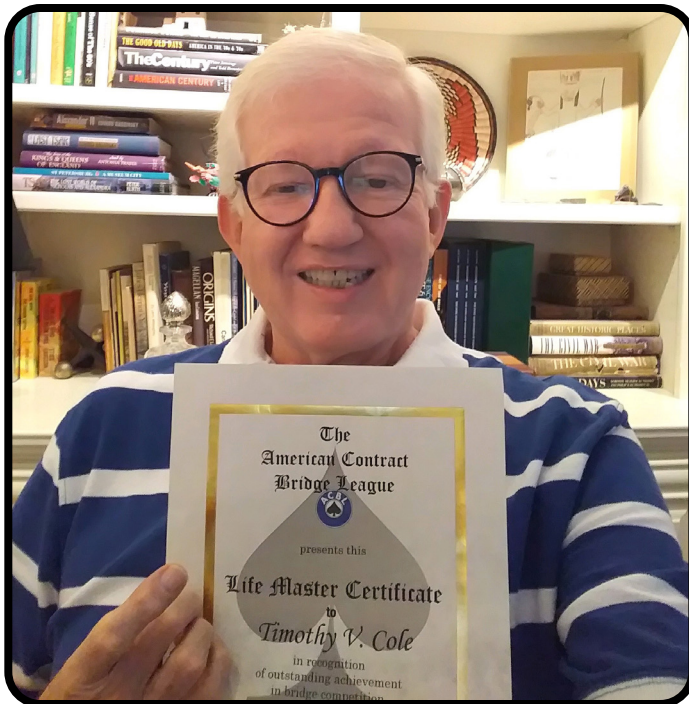
Linda Offenber

Club Master

Rita Van Lierop

Life Master

Timothy Cole



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Bridge Brigade Go Fund Me

\$240 of \$2,500 goal

Please consider donating to Bridge Brigade to continue our bridge education programs.

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/bridge-brigade-go-fund-me>



Bob Barmeyer
1924 - 2020

Beloved physician, friend, father, and Gramps, Robert Lange Barmeyer passed away peacefully of cardiac arrest at home on April 20. Our condolences to the family of Bob Barmeyer.

Tips for Playing in Alliance Games

1. Join BBO - It's free to join and there are several free play options. Playing for masterpoints - well, that's going to cost you. www.bridgebase.com

Become a member (free!)

2. Add \$ to BB\$ - No free lunch and no free masterpoints. If you play in Alliance Club, a chunk of your fee goes to Long Beach Bridge. Yay!

Log off

Help

BB\$

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3. BBO needs to know your ACBL number. You want your points going to the correct person, right? Click on ACBL World and add your ACBL number.

ACBL Instant Tournaments

Add your ACBL number

About

4. Have you played at Long Beach Bridge at least two times from Jan 1, 2019? If not, you need to ask for permission to play as a guest. Go to Alliancebridgeclub.com and register as a guest.

REGISTER GUESTS

5. Where do I find the games? Games are listed on BBO two hours before game time. If Alliance Bridge Club games do not show when you click Virtual Clubs, click on All Tournaments. In search, type Alliance and voila!

Back	Home	All Tournaments	Log off	Help	BB\$	ardeaux1
Pending	Running	Complete				
Host	Title	Type	Start	Entries	Entry Fee	
vacb26064	ALLIANCE SILVER Pink-1000 2:30p/11:30a #2627	Pairs	29	27	10 BB\$	
vacb26064	ALLIANCE SILVER Blue-299 3:30p/12:30p #2665	Pairs	89	3	10 BB\$	
vacb26064	ALLIANCE SILVER Open 4pm/1pm #2675	Pairs	116	0	10 BB\$	

6. Does your partner meet the criteria to play in Alliance games? If not, you need to register them as a guest. See Step 4.

7. Still have problems? Never fear, gentle telephonic advice is available from BBO veteran, Renee Hoffman at 562-301-5949.

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Article Submissions

We welcome articles, ideas, and photos pertaining to our club. We reserve the right to revise submissions. Contact Ardie at ardeaux1@gmail.com