

Table Talk



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Volunteer Profile



Kiyo Nagaishi

Kiyo Nagaishi is another volunteer who makes Long Beach Bridge the welcoming and enjoyable place we miss so much. Wearing an apron and a scarf on her head, Kiyo would be found in the kitchen before games, preparing trays of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as cheese and crackers as nutritious snacks for all the players. Determined to provide fresh food, Kiyo shopped every other day and prepped everything at home. Fortunately, she does enjoy shopping!

Kiyo has also served as an assistant in Steve Ramos' and Sharon's classes. She could often be seen carrying cleaning supplies and extra bidding cards from table-to-table during games in order to keep the bidding boxes in shape.

Events October 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
7:30 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
10:15 a.m.	\$8	0-099 Green
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

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kiyo's family came to the United States when she was six years old. She entered first grade knowing no English. The teacher thought Kiyo had a hearing problem when she couldn't understand. Kiyo recalled, "I took a hearing test but responded to only one type of sound, thinking that's what they wanted." Kiyo learned English by reading her brother's comic books; Archie and Jughead were her childhood friends.

Kiyo worked as an accountant/auditor for a regional CPA firm in Seattle and San Francisco until

she moved back to the LA area in 1978. Here she owned and ran three businesses at the same time. She kept very busy running from Newport Beach to Fullerton to Torrance until she retired in 2005.

After retirement, she decided to pursue another interest, cosmetology, and started with an esthetician's class. Unfortunately, she suffered a severe burn accident on her neck and was forced to quit. Kiyo cautioned, "Never wear a scarf when cooking over a stove!" After she recovered from that

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painful experience, she volunteered as a teacher's assistant in a friend's elementary classroom.

For years, Kiyō's friend Mary Hatae had encouraged her to try bridge. Finally, after running out excuses, Kiyō attended some free lessons offered at Long Beach Bridge. Bob Mault presented the lesson, introducing the game to a crowd of over 100 people! Kiyō explained, "I have always loved puzzles, mysteries, and figuring out whodunits, so bridge intrigued me, and it stuck." Kiyō continued taking lessons adding, "Mark Teaford helped a lot. His one-page outline on 2/1 was so easy to understand compared to a six-lesson course that I took that left me still puzzled about the system." She also learned and practiced basic bridge online using the ACBL and rpbridge.net websites.

When Kiyō first ventured to play in an Open game, the club found her a partner. Upon learning she had only 50 masterpoints, this partner said she shouldn't play in the open and refused to play with her. Kiyō said, "I am so glad our bridge environment has improved since then."

Mark Tang was Kiyō's first mentor, teaching her the Strong Club (Precision) system. After they scored 38% in their second game, Kiyō offered to cut him loose but Mark only responded, "Are you giving up on me already?" Kiyō remains so grateful to him, and they are still regular partners.

From this beginning, Kiyō joined a team of Sharon Biederman, Susan Bibby, and Renee Hoffman to help each other achieve Life Master. Kiyō recalled, "Renee would always start us off with a chant before team games: 'We wanna win! We wanna win!'" After four years, Kiyō

achieved Life Master playing Gold Rush at a Long Beach Regional with Sharon as her partner. At the club, Kiyō's name can be found on multiple plaques for the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney, a testament to her achievements in pursuit of this goal.

Kiyō reflected, "I always thought bridge was a game that old ladies played at afternoon tea parties. I was very surprised to discover there was a whole world of bridge, with clubs and tournaments! I wished I had learned it when I was younger when my brain was sharper." She goes over each bad board to evaluate why, and what she should have done. Her motto is "there's always another game to do better, no matter how bad I played." Hand evaluation, which is part of getting to the right contract, is VERY important to her.

Kiyō doesn't play on BBO but does enjoy kibitzing high-level players. Unfortunately, given the recent cheating scandals, there are fewer opportunities to do. So, she has been staying busy watching the true crime channels and shopping.

Kiyō ended by saying, "What a nice way to meet interesting people though—playing bridge." We are so thankful that you, interesting Kiyō, decided to play bridge at Long Beach and stayed to support our club. See you at the table soon.

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: ardeauxl@gmail.com.



Last month's little darling: Fern Dunbar



Christine Frumen

June 24, 1944 - September 24, 2020

Ruby Life Master
Director.

Christine "Teena" Kay Frumen passed away peacefully at home on September 24th after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Our condolences to the family of Christine Frumen.

Unit 557 Masterpoint Races

As of September 6, 2020

Mini-McKenney

Overall	Jackie Hess	148.05
	John Melis	125.51
	Lillian Slater	109.46
0-5	Darrel Manson	16.89
	Jane Manson	15.98
	Yvonne Kroneberger	13.94
5-20	Linda Lane	36.51
	Jan Van Lierop	19.72
	Rita Van Lierop	19.50
20-50	Melanie Smothers	70.21
	Beth Mary Byrne	11.51
	Rick Gonser	10.26
50-100	Ted Dowe	55.00
	Carolyn Byrnes	45.09
	Judith Cook	28.40
100-200	Ardis Laine	72.79
	Sandra Schlosser	66.09
	Charles Laine	42.28
200-300	Lillian Slater	109.46
	Kathleen Pecarovich	23.09
	Ellen Kice	17.66
300-500	John Hagman	20.99
	Linda Dillon	19.47
	Timothy Cole	17.14
500-1000	Robert Bakovic	100.04
	John Galligher	71.07
	Colleen Gardner	58.76
1000-1500	Dalia Hernandez	53.96
	Thomas Felice	51.41
	Alan Olschwang	47.76
1500-2500	Paul Pettler	62.42
	Judith Jones	52.35
	Al Appel	46.20
2500-3500	Kay Tseng	103.50
	Cliff Goodrich	80.97
	Jo Melis	75.86
2500-5000	Jackie Hess	148.05
	John Petrie	47.08
	Bill McClean	42.92
5000-7500	John Melis	125.51
	Mark Tang	80.84
	Mark Leonard	75.74

Ace of Clubs

Overall	Jackie Hess	140.58
	John Melis	113.65
	Kay Tseng	92.07
0-5	Darrel Manson	16.89
	Jane Manson	15.98
	Yvonne Kroneberger	13.94
5-20	Linda Lane	28.84
	Jan Van Lierop	19.72
	Rita Van Lierop	19.50
20-50	Melanie Smothers	56.51
	Rick Gonser	10.26
	Beth Mary Byrne	8.94
50-100	Ted Dowe	52.25
	Carolyn Byrnes	36.01
	Judith Cook	24.61
100-200	Ardis Laine	58.33
	Sandra Schlosser	41.57
	Charles Laine	35.38
200-300	Lillian Slater	91.92
	Kathleen Pecarovich	23.09
	Ellen Kice	17.66
300-500	Linda Dillon	18.41
	Russell Gray	14.17
	John Hagman	12.66
500-1000	Robert Bakovic	84.52
	John Galligher	55.16
	Lynn Danielson	44.18
1000-1500	Dalia Hernandez	39.35
	Sharon Biederman	37.69
	Thomas Felice	34.89
1500-2500	Paul Pettler	45.49
	John Hand	43.65
	Judith Jones	41.35
2500-3500	Kay Tseng	92.07
	Jo Melis	69.49
	Cliff Goodrich	61.19
2500-5000	Jackie Hess	140.58
	John Petrie	32.58
	Bill McClean	28.80
5000-7500	John Melis	113.65
	Mark Leonard	71.34
	Mark Tang	25.98

October Bridge Classes

Bridge 3: Through Bridge Brigade. Eight Tuesdays October 6th -November 24th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Send \$40 to

Sharon Biederman
1708 Bayou Way
Seal Beach, CA 90740

No additional online fees.
Zoom ID: 965-9407-5902

Losing Trick Count: One day lesson through Bridge Brigade. Wednesday October 28th, 9:30 a.m.-noon. \$10 to Sharon.



Bridge 1: Through OLLI. Eight Mondays October 5th - November 23rd, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Note: OLLI catalogue says 10:00 start.

Sign up for [OLLI](#)
Register for [Class](#)

Course Description

For new players and players who played previously. Learn to play bridge the modern way. Topics include opening a major, opening a minor, no trump, Stayman, transfers, opening leads, attitude, carding, 1 NT Forcing and 2 over 1. Lessons will be given using Zoom. Hands will be played using Bridge Base Online. \$6 for the eight week session.

Zoom ID: 926-1211-9766

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



Bill Cray Moves to Florida

Bill Cray moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to be closer to his daughters. He regrets “not being able to gather at our beloved Long Beach Bridge for over six months now! Stay safe and healthy! Good luck!”



August Status Changes

Junior Master	Linda Leventhal
Club Master	Darrel Manson
Sectional Master	Linda Lane
Regional Master	Melanie Smothers
NABC Master	Sandra J. Schlosser
Silver Life Master	Cooie Dampman
Ruby Life Master	Eknath Deo



Cooie Dampman
Silver Life Master



Eknath Deo
Ruby Life Master

Fun Fact: Some of our 0-99 students got their first gold points in our supervised play.



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Article Submissions

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