

Table Talk



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Volunteer Profile



Ardie Laine

You've seen her as the Queen of Hearts at the club's 2019 Halloween party, but Ardis Laine is the Queen of Creativity every day! From her Halloween costumes accentuated with professional makeup to her Red Carpet Oscar parties to her custom Christmas cards, Ardie invests her original spin in all she undertakes—including each month's Table Talk!

Ardie graduated in 1983 with a Mechanical Engineering degree at a time when only 2% of engineering graduates were women. She worked in the aerospace industry for 32 years, mostly at Northrop Grumman on "black" aka classified projects including the B-2 Stealth bomber. Ardie added, "It was dumb luck that

Events March 2021

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.	\$7	0-1000 Pink
9:45 a.m.	\$8	0-49 Red
10:00 a.m.	\$8	0-199 Lt. Blue
10:00 a.m.	\$7	Open
10:00 a.m.	\$8	0-399 Gray
11:30 a.m.	\$8	0-1000 Pink
12:30 p.m.	\$8	0-299 Blue
1:00 p.m.	\$7	Open
2:45 p.m.	\$7	0-499 Green

See website for special Monday and Swiss team games

I accepted a job at a company with a pension so I could retire in 2015 at age 55."

Chuck and Ardie started working at Northrop in the same year but didn't meet for nearly 20 years—until a company golf tournament in 2004. Ardie recalled, "We have different memories of that first meeting. My memory was me sassily teasing him for teeing off the 'ladies' tees.' His memory was my shyly ducking my head, barely making eye contact." Another common bond they shared was playing Euchre, a

Midwestern card game best played over a few drinks and a good starter for aspiring bridge players. Since Chuck played bridge at work every day during lunch, Ardie decided to learn the game. Ardie's bridge journey from her first contact with Long Beach Bridge through achieving Life Master is recounted in the January 2021 issue of Table Talk. She laughingly commented, "Now I'm banking gold points for when I achieve Sapphire Life Master."

Ardie characterizes herself



as the “world’s greatest dabbler.” She has worked in multiple art media, photography, ceramics, tile mosaics, calligraphy, stained glass, jewelry, quilting, sewing, and pysanka (detailed decorated Ukrainian eggs). She noted, “Creating Pysanka eggs is supposed to reduce chaos in the world, so I’ll be making a ton of them this year!” She’s currently Zooming into computer graphics classes at Long Beach Community College.

Ardie is looking forward to playing bridge face-to-face and traveling again beyond the 17 countries she has visited to date. In 2014, Ardie and Chuck bought an Airstream Bambi and toured the United States with their two Boston terriers. They even “glamped” their

way to the Adirondacks and back to visit Virginia Brewer.

People don’t know that Ardie is, in fact, a TV star. She explained, “I come from the same hometown as Harry Reasoner. In fact, I can be seen on the hour-long special Harry did called ‘A Small Town in Iowa.’ At 18:56 in, wearing a knit hat with a white tassel, I’m walking across the street with my brother. Blink and you’ll miss me.” Ardie also competed on a reality TV show called “Ground Rules.” She won—a rock. She added, “We were the last episode of the last season. I guess we killed the show. I looked for our episode online but could find it. I do have a VHS tape and maybe a CD.”

In addition to Table Talk, Ardie sends out the weekly email notice from Long Beach Bridge and applies her prodigious graphics skills to flyers for the unit’s sectionals and other displays. She makes our club more graphically appealing and fun! Ardie, thanks for all you do, and let’s schedule a screening party for your TV cameos.

by Lillian Slater

Who is this little darling?

“Our” darling (on the right) with her twin sister. 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: Judy Cook

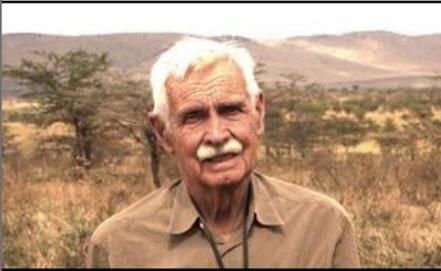


December Status Changes

Junior Master	Rita B Wright
Club Master	Joey Duree
	Nancy J Imbery
Sectional Master	Priscilla C Caillouette
	John F Tholen
Regional Master	Ted J Dowe
	Carol R Herzlinger
	David E Hoyt
Diamond LM	Jackie E Hess



Our Sympathies to the Families of



William "Bill" Eddy
1927 - 2021



John Melis
Diamond Life Master
1945- 2021

Table Talk has become the Long Beach Bridge's replacement of the director's white board during the pandemic. Our white board communicated illnesses, deaths and memorial plans for our members. Many of us are saddened that we can not mourn together. We encourage anyone who would like to share memories about our departed friend to pass them along so we can all read. Send an email to Ardie at ardeaux1@gmail.com or call/text at 562-254-0099

March Bridge Class



Topic: Defense with Rob Preece
Time: Mar 29, 2021 09:30 AM
Class \$10. If you would like to order the CD, send \$25 made payable to Bridge Brigade with a note asking for the CD. Send to Sharon Biederman, 1708 Bayou Way, Seal Beach 90740.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/91545585518?pwd=MUZYSHVhRFpSNDZkeFZYXZHMlRqZz09>
Meeting ID: 915 4558 5518
Passcode: 520098

Supervised Play

0-99er's earn masterpoints with supervised play with Hank and Fern through March on Mondays and Tuesdays. \$5.
See LongBeachBridge.com for details.



Need Help? We're Here to Assist You



Not sure about playing online?
Feel free to contact us, and we will be more than happy to guide you through the sign up and basics for online Bridge with BBO.

Sign up for help on longbeachbridge.com or call/text Sharon at 714-624-3455.

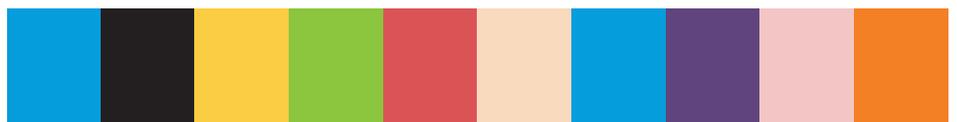
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Article Submissions

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



2020 Unit 557 Ace of Club Winners

Masterpoints won at clubs are counted excluding Sectionals and online "colorless pointsd.

Overall



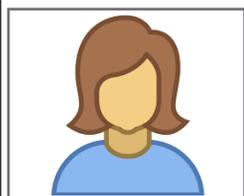
Jackie Hess	210.00
Lillian Slater	157.51
John Melis	126.82
Cliff Goodrich	119.83

0 - 5



Darrel Manson	32.57
Jane Manson	31.66
Yvonne Kroneberger	26.62
Joey Duree	11.53

5 - 20



Linda Lane	84.63
Rita Van Lierop	36.18
Jan Van Lierop	35.79
John Tholen	21.77

20 - 50



Melanie Smothers	106.18
Rick Gonser	17.43
Charlotte Roush	14.31
Beth Mary Byrne	8.94

50 - 100



Ted Dowe	100.25
Carolyn Byrnes	55.85
Judith Cook	53.27
Jenny Ernest	40.05

100 - 200



Ardis Laine	106.74
Barbara Wallace	72.01
Sandra Schlosser	60.14
Charles Laine	42.57

200 - 300



Lillian Slater	157.51
Kathleen Pecarovich	34.01
Ruth Roe	19.58
Ellen Kice	17.66

300 - 500



Linda Dillon	34.30
Joyce Roberts	22.23
Timothy Cole	21.12
John Hagman	20.71

500 - 1000



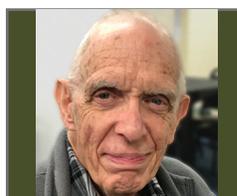
John Galligher	97.80
Robert Bakovic	86.67
Lynn Danielson	75.31
Susan Bibby	71.79

1000 - 1500



Thomas Felice	70.25
Sharon Biederman	64.98
Dalia Hernandez	57.95
Alan Olschwang	30.26

1500 - 2500



Paul Pettler	67.60
John Hand	54.09
Judith Jones	47.83
Joyce Henderson	36.80

2500 - 3500



Cliff Goodrich	119.83
Kay Tseng	92.63
Jo Melis	76.53
Larry Slutsky	20.50

3500 - 5000



Jackie Hess	210.00
John Petrie	32.58
Bill McClean	28.80
Verna Baccus	19.83

5000 - 7500



John Melis	126.82
Mark Leonard	81.93
Mark Tang	25.98

2020 Unit 557 Mini-McKenney Winners

ACBL members who win the most points during a calendar year

Overall



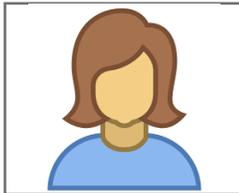
Jackie Hess	217.47
Lillian Slater	178.92
Ardis Laine	143.28
Cliff Goodrich	142.39

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Darrel Manson	32.57
Jane Manson	31.66
Yvonne Kroneberger	26.62
Joey Duree	11.53

5 - 20



Linda Lane	102.97
Rita Van Lierop	36.18
Jan Van Lierop	35.79
John Thole	21.77

20 - 50



Melanie Smothers	130.91
Rick Gonser	17.43
Charlotte Roush	14.31
Beth Mary Byrne	11.51

50 - 100



Ted Dowe	103.00
Carolyn Byrnes	68.99
Judith Cook	57.06
Jenny Ernest	41.12

100 - 200



Ardis Laine	143.28
Sandra Schlosser	105.93
Barbara Wallace	72.54
Charles Laine	49.47

200 - 300



Lillian Slater	178.92
Kathleen Pecarovich	34.01
Ruth Roe	20.64
Ellen Kice	17.66

300 - 500



Linda Dillon	35.36
Joyce Roberts	29.34
Timothy Cole	29.21
John Hagman	29.04

500 - 1000



John Galligher	113.71
Robert Bakovic	102.19
Lynn Danielson	85.72
Colleen Gardner	73.71

1000 - 1500



Thomas Felice	89.78
Dalia Hernandez	72.56
Sharon Biederman	65.84
Alan Olschwang	48.63

1500 - 2500



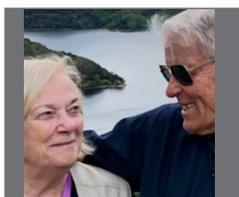
Paul Pettler	84.53
Judith Jones	58.83
John Hand	54.81
Al Appel	46.20

2500 - 3500



Cliff Goodrich	142.39
Kay Tseng	104.06
Jo Melis	82.90
Renee Hoffman	32.02

3500 - 5000



Jackie Hess	217.47
John Petrie	47.08
Bill McClean	42.92
Verna Baccus	24.18

5000 - 7500



John Melis	138.68
Mark Leonard	94.51
Mark Tang	75.74



Moving to Bakersfield

Janet Logan is moving to Bakersfield on March 1st to pursue a job in the Superior Court as a Mediator. She will be missed but Janet countered, “I’m going to miss all of you more!” She plans on keeping in touch by returning to play with Jo Melis on weekends.

Janet has been a presence at the club for 25+ years—greeting people or helping others as needed. She helped with food preparation and parties, as well as providing administrative support as a member of the unit board for several years and the district board for a year. For over two years she team taught with Kevin Lane. She also mentored newer players. Janet added, “I want to thank all the bridge players that allowed me to mentor them. It has been my highest honor.” During the past ten years, Janet volunteered to be a fill-in as needed.

In 1981 she married into a bridge family. Janet and her husband moved to England in the early 90’s to work as consultants helping transition utilities from government to public control. When they transferred from Manchester to London, Janet was not permitted to work with her husband, so she found a bridge club and started playing duplicate. She commented,

“I found bridge fun and extremely addictive. I play bridge because I’m social. I like the cards, but it’s the people that keep me fascinated.” When they returned to the states and later moved to Belmont Shore, Janet came to the club. She recalled, “It was Long Beach in its heyday so I played twice most days and three times on Friday.

Most of all, Janet wants “to thank my countless partners because, without you, I could not play bridge. Of course, thanks to my best partner of all time, Jo.” Janet ended by saying, “I’ll be back. Keep counting those cards, and volunteer!” We look forward to catching up with you then, Janet!

by Lillian Slater



Moving to Florida

Joyce Henderson is moving to Florida on March 5th! Having lived in Long Beach since 1964, she’s relocating to be closer to family who can help with Joe and his health issues.

Last year, Joyce’s niece Stephanie and her family came to Long Beach for nine months to help out, but they missed Florida and moved back there. Since Joe’s family lives

in Tampa, Joyce and her niece will be shopping for a house in a nearby county—with Wauchula as a leading contender. Joyce and Joe will be living with Stephanie, her husband, and their two teenagers (who largely stay in their rooms).

Joyce has always played social bridge, as well as playing online to relax after work. Largely self-taught, she also learned a lot from a video by Omar Sharif, an excellent bridge player and actor she liked—which is why she bought the video. Omar played with lots of other experts and had tips on how to hold your own at the table. In 1999 Joyce retired from teaching math in Long Beach Unified due to a stress-related illness. For years after retiring, Joyce played a lot of social bridge but resisted coming to the club because she thought it would be too stressful. Jane Reid finally dragged her there saying, “I want to play with someone good.” They made a deal that Jane would teach Joyce the newer bidding while Joyce would teach Jane how to play the cards.

Joyce added, “I’m a student and admirer of Mark Teaford [a previous teacher]. I had the joy of playing with him after he took me under his wing because we shared some common challenges.” This reporter will miss Joyce’s dry sense of humor and her “game face.” Both were initially intimidating but, once I got to know her, entertaining. When I mentioned the “game face” to Joyce, she quickly and resoundingly responded, “It’s FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS at the table!”

During our safer-at-home period, Joyce plays on BBO twice a week with Thad Mikols and once with Larry Slutsky. Add joycehendy as a BBO friend to keep in touch. We’ll miss you at the club, Joyce!

by Lillian Slater