



Table Talk

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Meet the Masters



Jackie Hess
Diamond Life Master

Jackie Hess has been playing bridge since high school. She started dating her husband Richard then, and his family loved to play games. His parents introduced her to bridge, and she's been playing ever since. Jackie achieved Diamond Life Master in February and has earned 5,074.7 masterpoints to date, making her the fifth highest in our unit.

Jackie started playing duplicate in 1970 on Wednesday evenings at Westchester Women's Club, a night out from her stay-at-home-mom job. Ten minutes before leaving to play one night, her seven-year-old daughter asked, "Before you go, can you teach me to play bridge?" Jackie laughed and reflected, "If only! Bridge is a table talk

Events June 2021

In-Person Games

Monday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Tuesday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Friday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10

Virtual Games

All-Western – 99ers "Nite Club" Monday-Thursday

Competitive/ACBL Virtual Clubs and search for VACB905265.

Select 0-99 or 0-20 All-Western 99er NiteClub

- 6:20 p.m. 19ers.
- 6:30 p.m. 99ers. (0-20 players are welcome too!)
- 8:00ish Zoom "Post-Mortem" for both games



Alliance Bridge Club schedule available at
www.alliancebridgeclub.com

lifelong learning experience."

In early 1970's Jackie started playing at South Bay where she enjoyed the games but they were a small club. So, ten years ago, when one of her partners suggested trying the Long Beach club, they did. She added, "Long Beach's games were bigger, the competition was better, and I really like the people." Jackie has been ensconced in her corner table ever since, travelling from Palos Verdes four times a week.

In her bridge journey, Jackie has had a variety of mentors. When

her youngest turned ten, she went to work as a business manager at Logicon, an aerospace company in San Pedro, where she worked for 13 years. One of her coworkers was Paul Ivaska, an expert bridge player. At a company bridge game, Ivaska would give quality lessons that improved her game. Jackie's partner and mentor at South Bay was Steve "Grumpy" Mager. She added, "He was incredibly intense at the table but had a wonderful sense of humor away from it."

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Say Hello to...



Allan Lubitz

Growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, Allan Lubitz comes from a family of bridge players. He started playing bridge as a teenager with his parents who are now in their 90's—living in Florida and still playing bridge.

After graduating from college, Allan moved to California to take a job at TRW. While working there, he enjoyed playing lunchtime bridge with a group of co-workers and, as time allowed, taking bridge lessons.

He and his wife recently relocated to Spinnaker Bay in Long Beach, and he happens to live on the same street as Jan and Rita Van Lierop and Dalia Hernandez. If they had only known this during the closure of the club, they could have had a foursome on their lawn.

Allan also enjoys golf, tennis, biking, kayaking, and spending time on the water in their boat. He looks forward to taking lessons and playing in the club.

by Jenny Ernest



The virus that causes COVID-19 can land on surfaces. It's possible for people to become infected if they touch those surfaces and then touch their nose, mouth, or eyes. In most situations, the risk of infection from touching a surface is low. The most reliable way to prevent infection from surfaces is to regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer.

Individuals may select a bidding boxes for their use during a session and are responsible for cleaning of their selected box.



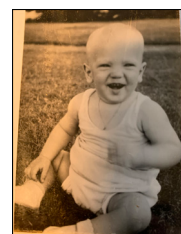
Who is this little darling?

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:
Mike Macy



NABC Master

April Status Changes

Michael Macy

Melanie Smothers

Our Sympathies to the Family and Friends of



Gerry Gastelum
Bronze Life Master
1939 – 2021

Everybody knew her as Gerry, but her name was Geraldine Ruth (Terheggen) Gastelum. Gerry passed away peacefully on May 4, 2021, at Little Company of Mary Hospital in San Pedro at the age of 82, following a battle with Glioma, a brain tumor.

Born in Los Angeles, Gerry was always proud to tell people she lived in South LA and attended 98th Street School as a child. The family moved to Torrance which at the time felt like it was in the boonies. Gerry attended Torrance High School, and graduated from North High School in Torrance. Following graduation, she went to Los Angeles Trade Technical College in downtown LA, studying fashion design and pattern making. Her first job was designing swimwear at Rose Marie Reid Swimwear company where she continued to learn and apply her trade. Swimwear was her specialty, and she became renowned in her field, working and owning a number of different companies including brands like Daffy, Sunblush, La Blanca, Sassafras and Too Hot Brazil. After an initial retirement she was encouraged to return to work where she

created and designed the famous “Miraclesuit”.

Gerry met Frank Gastelum at a Badminton class at El Camino. Frank thought she was pretty cute and asked her to a dance. The rest is history. They were married and raised three children in Gardena, Torrance and the Miraleste area of Palos Verdes. Gerry received an AA degree in architecture from Harbor College and built her own house.

She met a lot of new friends through playing bridge and encouraged others, including her daughter Laura, to take lessons and go to tournaments. In addition to traveling for work, she enjoyed travel to far off lands. Traveling the world extensively, she had been to the 7 continents and probably more than 100 countries.

A celebration of life memorial is planned for later this summer.

Provided by Nancy Raiche

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Jackie also learned a lot by kibitzing excellent players. One friend she kibitzed was Mike Smolen (of the Smolen convention). Once, after a complex bidding sequence, he and his partner ended up in a 6-level contract with a 1-2 fit. Smolen called Jackie over jokingly saying, “Come and see how the experts do it.”

Jackie and Richard will be celebrating their 59th anniversary in June. They still play bridge together, occasionally at the club and on cruises with Karen and Mike

McKittrick. Richard always has a joke to share with the pairs who rotate to their table. With a PhD in Physics, Richard has many other interests and has not invested the same time or effort into bridge.

Jackie played on BBO during the pandemic but she is delighted to be back at the club. She found BBO frustrating, as one didn’t have time to question conventions/carding, get an answer, and still complete boards in the allotted time. She will, however, continue to play online with Cory Hand until he can return to the club during summer vacation.

Jackie’s advice for evolving players is “kibitz a good player. Watch how they play the hands and review a few after. You’ll learn a lot!”

In addition to bridge, Jackie enjoys cooking and spending time with her son and his family who live nearby. Her two daughters and two of her four grandkids live farther away in Maine and Oregon, so they don’t get to see them as often.

Jackie’s excited to see everyone at the club again and may even let you kibitz if you ask. by Lillian Slater





Long Beach Bridge

Reopened for Play 24 May!

Open Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p.m.
Updated schedule will be available at longbeachbridge.com

- Proof of vaccination required. Bring card to club or text/email a copy to Sharon at (714) 624.3455 or akiba1708@yahoo.com (This is a city requirement)
 - Masks are required. (Also, a city requirement). Bring your own or purchase one at Long Beach Bridge Center for \$1.
- If you need a partner for the day of game, please contact Sharon at the above email/text.





Congratulations to John Hagman, our newest director!



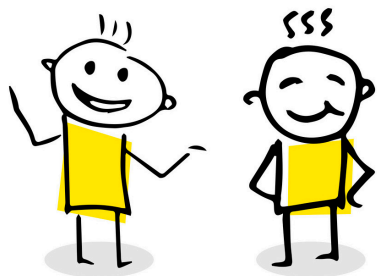
Betty Witteried enjoys coffee from our new coffee maker



Reopening Day Players



Monday, 31 May Game



Need a Partner?

Let Susan Bibby and Colleen Gardner help you. Email them at susanbibby@gmail.com or novcol@me.com (Colleen)

We want your stories!



Tell us the tale of your path to Life Master. What are you doing to survive the pandemic?

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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



A Message from Club Manager Sharon B.

We are so happy to see people coming back to play at the club! We look forward to a maskless sessions in the near future. We also plan to offer more playing days and non-life master games. Our intent is to resume our full schedule. Please look for updates at longbeachbridge.com or your email box. (Check your spam folder if you are not getting our emails.)

Thank you for all the generous donations in the past year. This club belongs to all of us and together we can keep this humble endeavor alive.



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 them. Send an email to Ardie at ardeaux1@gmail.com or call/text at 562-254-0099