



Table Talk

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Meet the Masters



Mark Tang
Diamond Life Master

Mark Tang is a man of few words but many masterpoints—6,449.85 to be exact, making him the second highest player in the unit!

In college at UC Davis where he majored in chemical engineering, Mark played chess with friends. “I got tired of getting beat up at the chess table and decided to find an easier game,” he laughingly added. The “easier” game was bridge, and Mark started playing it after college.

However, it wasn't until he retired in 2004 that he really started accruing masterpoints. “I didn't have many before then, but after retiring I started playing tournament bridge.” He enjoys and prefers team games. Mark is a self-taught bridge player

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Events July 2021

In-Person Games

Monday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. – 0-99	\$5
Tuesday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Wednesday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Thursday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Friday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10
Saturday	12:30 p.m. – Open	\$10

Club Championship–Rated Games

July 14–31

Extra Points!

BBO Virtual Games

All-Western – 99ers “Nite Club” Monday–Thursday

Competitive/ACBL Virtual Clubs, 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

who never took lessons, “It’s an interesting and challenging game, and something about it has kept me interested. It helps to have a thick skin and not get embarrassed.”

His advice to bridge players is “just stay with it. The points will

come if that’s your goal.” Mark brought his daughter to the club once a long time ago but she was intimidated by the experience, which included a director’s call.

Fortunately, the club is more

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Say Hello to...



Lee Korich

Originally from Ohio, Lee and her husband George moved to California after graduating from Ohio University where they met. They lived in Tustin until 1998 when they moved to San Diego to enjoy the coastal weather and be near the beach. A little over two years ago, they moved back to Orange County—Cypress to be exact—to be closer to their sons and grandson.

Lee played social bridge when her two sons were young. After moving here, she joined the Long Beach Bridge Club to learn bridge in a more structured way. She completed Bridge 1, 2, 3 as well as Supervised Play classes before the club closed last March. She is looking forward to returning to the bridge table.

Lee's career was in computer systems but her passion is art. She works in oils and watercolors, painting seascapes and Catalina

Island scenes. Lee sells her note-cards and prints on Etsy and at the General Store in Two Harbors, Catalina. To see her work, search for Lee Korich on Etsy.

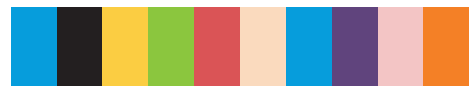
Since retiring, she took a web design class and subsequently created websites for fellow artists. Her other interests are cooking, knitting, and spending time at Two Harbors where she finds inspiration for her beautiful paintings.

by Jenny Ernest



Need a Partner?

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




Who is this little darling?

Go to our Facebook page - Long Beach Bridge for the answer. This month's little darling is on the left with her twin sister.

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:
John Galligher




Sectional Master
NABC Master

April Status Changes

Yvonne Kroneberger
Rai Scime



- 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 optional

Updates available on longbridgebridge.com

We want your stories!



Tell us the tale of your path to Life Master. Share an experience or anecdote related to bridge. For example, what's the most unusual thing that's happened to you at the bridge table/at a tournament? Send an email to Ardie at ardeaux1@gmail.com or call/text at 562-254-0099



We are so happy to see people playing at the club! We strive to provide a safe, healthy, and fun environment. July marks a return to 6 days/week play and we hope to add more limited games in the future. 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.

July Bridge Classes



Bridge 2 Competitive Bidding

Starts Monday, July 12.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

8 Lessons

\$40 for 8 lessons or \$10/session



Advancing Player Workshop

Starts Monday, July 12.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

8 Lessons

\$40 for 8 lessons or \$10/session

Stay and Play for \$5

Play in the 12:30 game after class and pay only \$5. That's half price! We will have a separate 499ers section if there are a sufficient number of players.

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welcoming and supportive of newer players now.

Mark didn't play online bridge during the pandemic adding, "I didn't want to spend my day in front of a computer. I found other things to do." In addition to bridge, he enjoys exercising and travelling, which he and his wife missed during the lockdown. They have enjoyed many cruises including several on rivers and multiple ocean cruises to parts of Asia. They travel with bridge buddies but don't take bridge cruises or even play bridge, preferring to "enjoy the trip" instead. They've already booked their next cruise to Scandinavia next year.

Mark is also known for sharing his van, driving club members to

Orange County and Riverside tournaments. "We're all going to the same place so why not," he explained.

Asked about the meaning of his mail address, gnatkram@gmail.com, he just laughed and said, "No gnats, it's just my name spelled backwards." Introduce yourself to the inscrutable Mark Tang when you play against him at the club.

by Lillian Slater



American Contract Bridge League



Happy Belated Birthday to Rachel Lantz!

Rachel Lantz, believed to be our oldest member, turned 102 years young in October 2020! She started played bridge when she was in her 20's and stopped right before she turned 100 because "I wasn't playing well enough."

Rachel usually played twice a week at the club. This photo is her 100th birthday celebration at the club. Rachel bought herself a new Lexus when she was 95 years old, and renewed her license twice after that. We miss you, Rachel!

by Lillian Slater

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