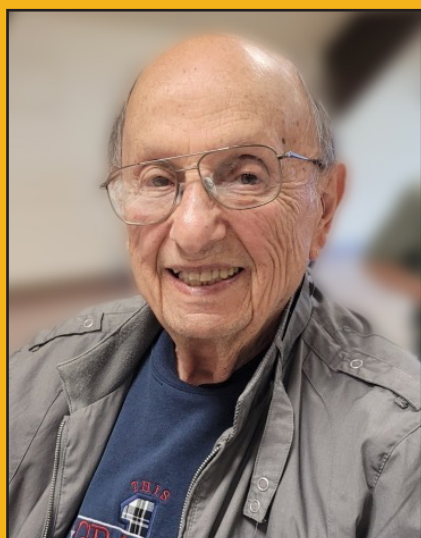


TABLE TALK

MEET THE MASTERS



Larry Slutsky
Gold Life Master

Larry Slutsky has done it all in bridge! Currently the president of the Leisure World Duplicate Bridge Club, he has also been a bridge teacher, the president of the Unit 557 board, and a longtime board member. A Gold Life Master with 2,935.74 masterpoints to date, he is the 15th highest player in our unit.

Larry was introduced to bridge while attending college at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He explained, "I always enjoyed playing cards and played a lot of Hearts. Three guys at my fraternity were sitting at a table but needed a fourth.

They asked me if I played. When I said no, they said, 'We'll teach you.'" Since he liked to play cards, Larry sat down and began his bridge journey. He laughingly added, "We played a Short Club and replied a Sciamond when we had a bad hand. I played so much bridge that I almost flunked out."

After graduating in 1955 with a degree in metallurgy, Larry started working for Revere Cooper and Brass Company in Chicago until he was drafted into the army. While playing Hearts in the barracks one day, a fellow soldier approached him, explaining was trying to become a Life Master and needed a partner. Larry agreed and was introduced to duplicate bridge.

After his discharge, he returned to Chicago to continue working at Revere Cooper and Brass. Larry's career took him to Sunnyvale, California (Lockheed), Hawthorne (Northrop), and he ended his career at a small aluminum mill (Torrance.)

After his divorce, Larry returned to duplicate bridge at Oakwood Apartments Thursday night game. He played there and the Elks club until those games closed and he migrated to Long Beach Bridge.

Larry's advice to new players is to "stop being reluctant to play in competitive games." He believes the biggest challenge in bridge is to get people into clubs and playing. Larry is especially proud of the Monday mentor game he started. This game paired very amiable and tolerant mentors with mentees recommended by Bob Mault.

He recalled a memorable Side Game at another regional. Sitting down at a table covered with a tablecloth and having a woman seated behind one player, Larry jokingly commented, "I don't have a cheering section." Glancing at the player's convention card, he discovered it was Alfred Sheinwold. Again joking, Larry asked, "Are you related to the Sheinwold who writes all

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Status Changes

Our early publication prohibited us from publishing the Life Master rank changes. June's Table Talk will include March and April updates.

Inaugural Shark/Guppy Team Game Successful



Winners: Reva Alban, Lynda Montgomery, Betty Witteried and Gayle Grubb.

On April 10th we tried a new team game concept. Pairs of experienced players (sharks) were united with new and advancing players (guppies.) Each round, the shark pairs played sharks and guppies played guppies. Team scoring was then compared in the normal fashion. Our goal was to introduce advancing players to the team game format without fear of being trounced while encouraging social mingling for all. This format may be repeated if there is more interest.



Friendly? Sharks: Ardie Laine and Jo Melis

70's Club Big Games



April 14: Steve Ramos and Ed Piken scored 73.13% in a field of five tables.

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the bridge columns?" When Sheinwold said yes, Larry said, "Do me a favor and don't mention me in your column."

Larry added, "I am blessed with two wonderful daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild with another on the way. His oldest grandson took the first Bridge in a Day class at Long Beach and was enthusiastic about playing. However, work and school prevailed, and he eventually became more interested in poker.

In addition to bridge, Larry



Pro-Am Game Tuesday, 7 June

Our very popular Pro-Am game is back! Sign up as a pro, an amateur, or something in between in the reservation book on the director's stand.

was an avid bike rider until he was forced to quit after an injury last year. Larry is also a member of the board of the Golden Rain Foundation, the managing group for Leisure World, Seal Beach.

As the president of the Leisure World bridge club, Larry most often plays there but promises to play unit games in Long Beach. Thanks, Larry, for your ongoing support. See you at the next



Proud As a Peacock!

The next time you're playing and notice how clean the boards look, thank Dylan Peacock. He's cleaning them!

A junior at Millikan High, Dylan is in the Quest program and has maintained straight A's since sixth grade. Music has been a big part of his life. Starting at age four as a member of the International Children's Choir of Long Beach. In fifth grade, he starred in the leading role of Peter Pan in a Musical Theatre West collaboration with Minnie Gant Elementary. Then, in middle school, he had starring roles in Seussi-

cal: The Musical, Bye-Bye Birdie and Once Upon a Mattress. At Millikan he is in the All-District Honor Choir as well as a member of the Backstage Bistro Group.

Dylan also played on Millikan's JV basketball team and was asked to move up to Varsity. Dylan works part-time at Knott's Berry Farm and earned enough to buy a used car last fall.

At 12, Dylan and his younger brother Kyle took lessons from Sharon Biederman at the bridge club. From that experience, Dylan decided to earn his service hours by volunteering at the club. He started pre-pandemic and has just recently returned.

Thanks, Dylan, for all your help! We hope to see you at the bridge table some day, partnering with your proud grandmother, Ann.

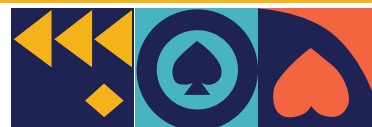


Our Sympathies to the Friends and Family of



Ann J. Cole
1944-2022

Ann Cole died from cancer on Monday, April 25, 2022. She loved playing bridge at Long Beach Bridge Center with her partner Ann Peacock.



BBO VIRTUAL GAMES

All-Western - Districts 17, 19, 21, 22, 23

Monday-Thursday 6:30 p.m.

99ers NiteClub - VACB905265

199s NiteClub - VACV277640

BBO Competitive/ACBL Virtual Clubs



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Grassroot FUNd Week May 9-14

Money raised will be returned to the individual district in which those funds were raised to help financially support the Grand National Teams and North American Pairs.

TABLE TALK

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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.

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