

MEET THE MASTERS



Louis Shen
Sapphire Life Master

If you have questions about quantum physics or string theory, Louis Shen has the answers. In addition to being a Sapphire Life Master with 4,809 masterpoints to date—the seventh highest in Unit 557, Louis is a retired university professor who taught physics and

mathematics.

Louis grew up in Hong Kong where he was introduced to bridge as a teenager and “somehow learned to play.” After graduating from college in Japan, he moved to the United States in 1959 for graduate study at Stanford University, ultimately earning his PhD in physics from Washington University in St. Louis. After graduation he accepted a professorship at Wesleyan University and moved to Connecticut. Then, in 1983, Louis joined the faculty of California State University, Fullerton, where he and another professor, Jon Yinger, played in a Wednesday afternoon bridge game.

Louis was introduced to duplicate bridge at Stanford where he first joined ACBL. His advice to new and intermediate players is “learn the basics. Don’t get too complicated with conventions.” Louis followed this advice and attained Life

Master in 1981 followed by Silver Life Master in 1996.

Also, in 1996, Louis returned to the Orient as a member of the founding faculty of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He explained, “It was an opportunity to create a new top-tier research university.” He returned to Fullerton—and duplicate bridge—in 2014.

Louis plays both 2/1 and Precision depending on his partner. He added, “I like the one-club forcing bid of Precision as it leaves lots of bidding room to describe one’s hand.” Louis’ masterpoint accomplishments are even more impressive considering all his bridge in Hong Kong could not contribute to his ACBL points and ranking.

During the pandemic, Louis played online on BBO with John Petrie and Kim Wang. He returned to club games in May, still partnering with John

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Status Changes

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70's Club - Big Games



On June 7th, Long Beach Bridge held it first Pro-Am in three years! In a field of 11 tables, Leo Dittmore and Bob Bauman not only won but did so with an impressive 70.83% game! Congratulations!



At the June 26th Unit Game, Robert Shore and Mike Savage won in a field of nine tables, scoring 70.24%.



In the June 17th NLM game, Jenny Ernest and Jan Van Lierop scored a 70% game in a field of three tables.



Ed Piken and Steve Ramos had another great game on June 23rd, scoring 70.31% in a field of 5 tables.



On June 18th, Cory Hand and Jackie Hess did it again, a 72.18% game in a field of seven tables.



Alan Olschwang and Linda Nye earned a 72.92% game in a field of 11 tables at our sister club, Leisure World..

Club, Unit, Bridge Brigade – Are You Confused?

Did you know there are three different entities operating in and around Long Beach Bridge Community? This article is to elucidate their differences and relative responsibilities.



Long Beach Bridge

The Long Beach Bridge center is governed by a Board of Directors: Susan Bibby, Sharon Biederman, Jenny Ernest, Colleen Gardner, Dalia Hernandez, Jackie Hess, John Jones, Chuck Laine, Darlene Oliver, Lillian Slater, and Kay Tseng. Long Beach Bridge is a tax-exempt 501(c)(7) organization. As such, it is a nonprofit social club for the pleasure and recreation of its members. Accordingly, it must maintain a list of members, ergo the yearly \$1 membership enrollment.

The only paid employees of the club are directors and cleaning service. All other responsibilities are provided by VOLUNTEERS lead by our preeminent volunteer and fearless leader, Sharon Biederman. Help is always appreciated so contact Sharon or any member of the board if you have time and/or a unique skill to contribute.

Card fees cover the club's operating costs, i.e. directors' fees, sanction fees paid to ACBL, lease, utilities, and supplies.



Bridge Brigade

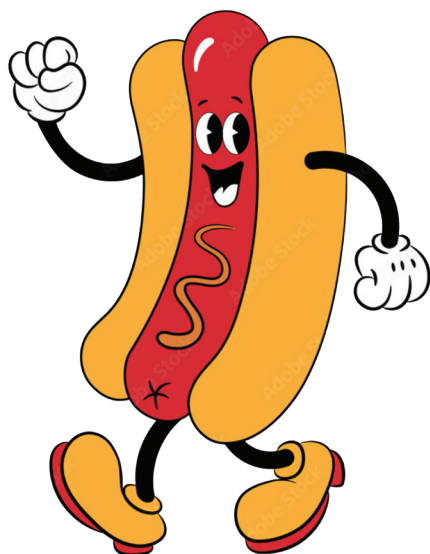
Bridge Brigade is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization established for the purpose of education. As such, donations to it are tax deductible. This organization is run by the staff of outstanding VOLUNTEER teachers: Sharon Biederman, Fern Dunbar, Hank Dunbar, Dalia Hernandez, and Rob Preece assisted by Al Lum and Leo Dittemore. These dedicated teachers conduct classes and supervised play throughout the year. Bridge Brigade pays Long Beach Bridge for use of its facility and resources.



Unit 557

Unit 557 is part of the ACBL hierarchy and represents the Long Beach Bridge and Leisure World Bridge clubs. The unit holds a monthly unit game, the fourth Sunday of the month. It is also responsible for conducting tournaments. Pre-pandemic, and hopefully returning next year, it held a one-day NLM sectional jointly with Long Beach Bridge on the first Sunday of April. Its NLM sectional is held the weekend of Veterans Day and is on schedule for this year, November 11-12. The unit also provides year-end awards for the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners as well as license plate holders acknowledging members' attainment of ranks of Life Master and above.

The unit pays Long Beach Bridge for the use of its facility and resources. With board approval, Unit 557 also donates to causes that advance bridge, for example, contributing to the purchase of a second dealing machine and new duplicate boards and card decks.



Hot Dog Wednesday?

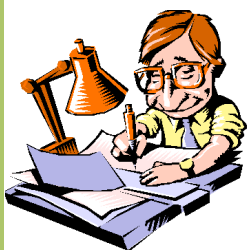
Steve Rowe planned a pop-up Wednesday hot dog lunch on 29 June. Unfortunately, Steve was exposed to COVID and quarantined. Fortunately, Chuck and Ardie Laine stepped in to provide the picnic lunch for the afternoon game. Jackie Hess baked her signature white cake with caramel walnut frosting. Coincidentally it was Chuck's 60th birthday. Thanks for the yummy lunch and happy birthday!



Good News!

In early June, Sharon signed a new lease for the Club. The terms of the lease will allow the club to remain financially solvent. This lease ends in May 2023. By that time the Club board will be in a better position to understand the club's financial future. Meanwhile, congratulations to the Long Beach Bridge board for all their hard work.

WE WANT YOUR STORIES!



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a milestone?

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and Kim. We're excited to have him back at the bridge table!

Most people don't know that Louis loves sports. In Hong Kong, he would often swim across the harbor, a distance of three miles. He is also a certified scuba diver whose favorite spot is "Cozumel where the reefs are beautiful." He added, "I'm also good in ping pong," and he competed in fencing tournaments when he lived in Hong Kong. He added with a chuckle, "Today most of my exercise is on a stationary bike."

Quiet at the club, Louis harbors a wealth of experiences and knowledge. Be "en garde" when he comes to your table!

by Lillian Slater

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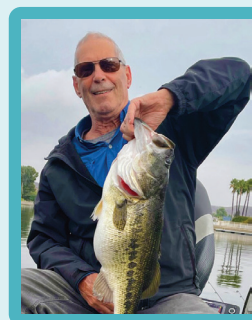
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MONDAYS, 11 JULY – 30 AUGUST

9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

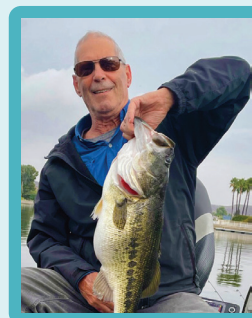
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