



THE FRIENDLIEST BRIDGE CLUB

TABLE TALK

MEET THE MASTERS



**Cliff Goodrich
Gold Life Master**

Cliff Goodrich became a Life Master in 1985 during Bridge Week in Pasadena. He currently plays bridge almost every day online and has accumulated 3,238.17 masterpoints to date, the 15th highest in our unit.

Some musician friends in Reno who played bridge

introduced Cliff to the game in 1974. The next year, he and a date found a local bridge club and played in a 0-20 game, placing second. Cliff noted, "I was hooked! Currently I teach and play bridge as a partner with clients online and face-to-face. For the last two years or so, I have been working with World Champion player Fred Hamilton in order to improve my game."

Cliff graduated from Cal State Northridge in 1986 with a B.A. in German Language and Culture and a minor in ESL (English as a Second Language). His ESL minor allowed him to teach in the adult program of L.A. city schools as an English teacher. He even taught one year in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and for several years in the L.A. County jail system.

Cliff's other passion is music. He played violin and viola professionally in the 1970's in showroom orchestras in Reno and Lake Tahoe for

singers and comedians who used strings in their band. He added, "My favorite entertainers that I worked with were Liza Minnelli, Burt Bacharach, Henry Mancini, and Sammy Davis, Jr. I left Reno in 1980 to move to Los Angeles to study with a very fine violist living here and to try to get into the music recording industry. Through various unforeseen circumstances, I ended up the manager/maitre d' of Dar Maghreb Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard for eight years."

Cliff returned to college for his M.M. (Master's in Music in violin performance) from Cal State Long Beach's Cole Conservatory in 2006. He has played in various musical groups throughout Southern California: the Los Angeles Baroque Orchestra, Musica Angelica, the San Diego Bach Orchestra, the Downey Symphony, and the Rio Hondo

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Jane Reid



John Galligher



Ardis & Charles Laine



Unit News

Thanks to all who played in the August 28th unit game! Patience was required when:

- The computer was slow so Sean couldn't assign tables.
- A new way of collecting the game fees was tried. A special thanks to all who donated the extra \$2 to minimize the change needed.

Thanks to Paul Pettler and Sharon Beran who responded when called to fill in!

Hope to see most of you at next month's unit game on September 25!

Stay tuned for details about our sectional planned for November 12-13. Saturday will be pairs and Sunday will be a team game.

by Lillian Slater, Unit President



70's Club Big Games



Jeff Strutzel and Bill McClean scored a 74.19% game in a field of 10 tables on August 22 in the Western Conference Summer STaC, upgrading their earnings to 16.21 Silver points.



Joey DuRee and Nancy Imbery scored a 77.50% game in a field of 2 and ½ tables in the August 19th NLM section.



John Petrie and Louis Shen earned a 72.79% score in a field of 11 tables at the unit game on August 28.



Several Long Beach Bridge members enjoyed listening to Long Beach Community Band's Music from the Star Wars Saga Arts Benefit Concert. Princess Leia, aka Virginia Brewer, was honored to be photographed with tuba player Leo Dittmore. For more information got to <https://longbeachcommunityband.org/>

Our Sympathies to the Friends and Family of



Warren Harris

Thursday, August 18, Hollis "Warren" Harris, loving partner and father, after a long battle with cancer passed away peacefully at his Rossmoor home at the age of 58.

Long Beach Bridge Earned One Upgraded Club Championship!

By recruiting 10 new ACBL member, Long Beach Bridge has earned on upgraded championship game. This game will occur on Friday, 23 October. Sign up with your favorite partner, win lots of masterpoints, and be sure and thank the following mem-

Mintzi Bickel

Kathy McCool

Linda Rose

Marilyn Tench

David Simon

Moyna Simon

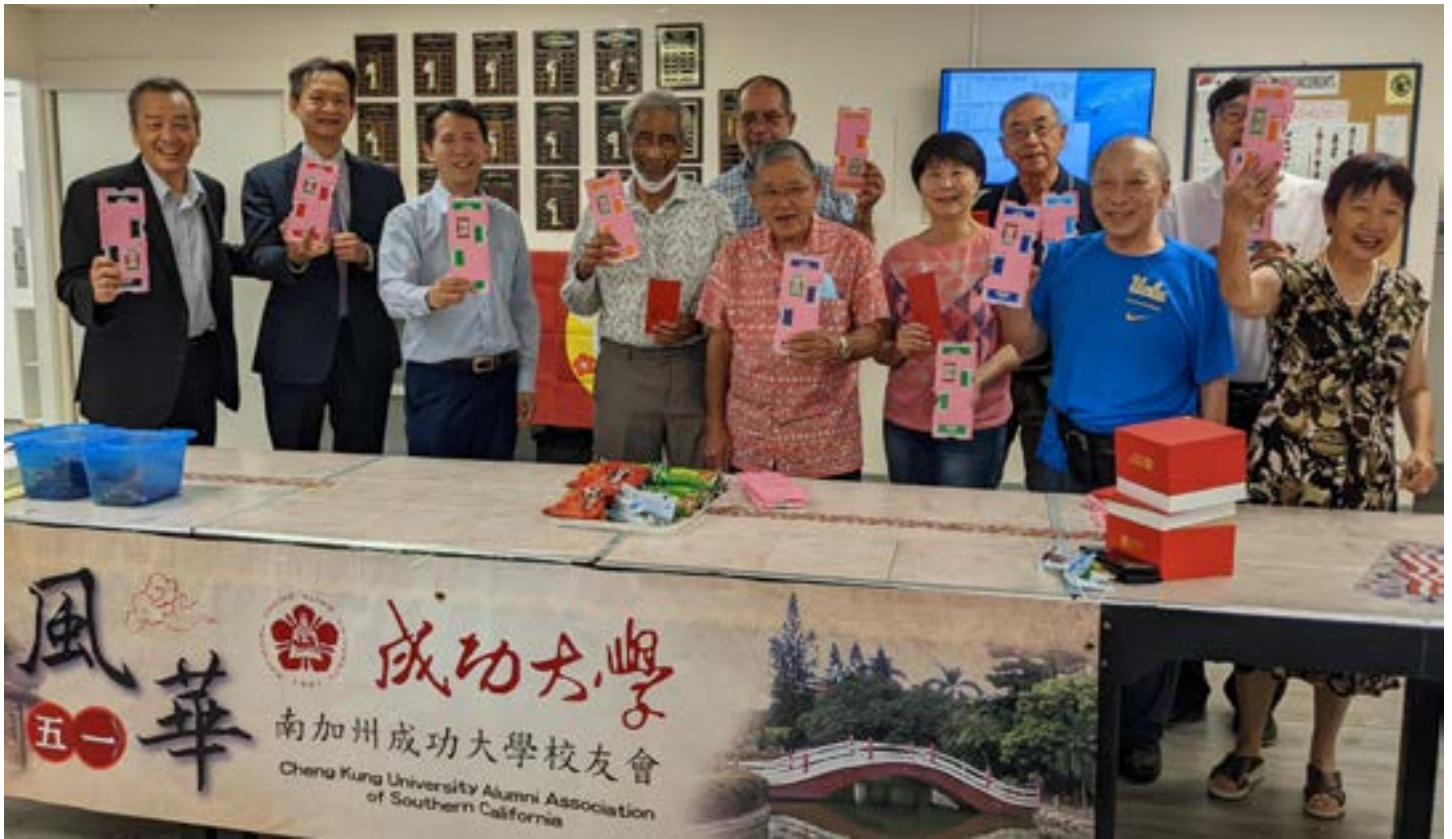
Gordon Innocent

Kay Bailey

Larae Dillman

Patsy Gonzales

Cheng Kung University Alumni Association of Southern California Takes Over Long Beach Bridge for a Day



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Symphony. He explained, "I am still a member of J.T. and Friends, a big band orchestra with a string section. Check us out on YouTube." He has also taught violin and viola at Jammin' Music in Bixby Knolls.

Cliff's advice to newer bridge players is "As declarer, don't play too quickly to trick one. Count your winners and losers and make a plan before playing to trick one. The time to hesitate is before the first trick, so that the rest of the play follows in a steady tempo." He uses many helpful conventions, however, he finds New Minor Forcing (NMF) to be the most useful one outside the really common ones because "it is a great way to communicate the structure of your hand."

Cliff has lots of bridge memories but one of his favorite anecdotes happened several years ago. Some friends of his were playing E/W in their first novice tournament when one of the two passed out of turn. The director was called and explained that the player would have to pass again at his next turn to bid, "And skip a table after this round is over." My friend said, "Oh, is that part of the penalty, too?"

Cliff moved to Palm Springs for a year to see what it was like to live there. There are several bridge clubs in such a small area. He still directs



online for the Desert Cities Bridge Club. He added, "I also direct an online game for the San Miguel Allende Bridge Club as the owner there is a friend." Cliff really likes BBO. He explained, "I've had a few conflicts with some people there, but generally I've enjoyed playing with partners from all over the world. I played bridge in person in Vienna, London, and Vancouver with players I met online." Cliff was also the treasurer of our unit for nn years.

Since the lockdown, Cliff has become involved in developing bonsai trees. He added, "I have around 60 trees of various varieties and have started a business selling and cultivating them."

Something most people don't know about Cliff is that he was in a famous movie. He elaborated, "In 1974 I got a job being in the bandstand for the movie Godfather II, which won best picture that year. I was in the right place at the right time. That's me looking at the conductor's cut off at the end of the tango in Anthony Corleone's confirmation."

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a milestone?

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99ers NiteClub - VACB905265

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PLAY OF THE HAND

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Summer 2022 Defense Class

Cliff's next goal is become a Diamond Life Master, "I have a way to go still, but I'll keep plugging away." Cliff, we look forward to celebrating with you when you reach this crescendo!

by Lillian Slater






Summer 2022 Bridge 3 Class



Summer 2022 Supervised Play

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p>LONG BEACH BRIDGE — THE FINEST BRIDGE CLUB —</p>			1 12:30 Open Directors / Alan Fowler	2 12:30 Open NILM Directors / Nancy Townsend	3 12:30 Open Directors / Steve Jones
4	Labor Day 5 12:30 Open Directors / Alan Fowler 9:30 Bridge-3 Hank Penner 9:30 Defense Bob Proves	12:30 Open Directors / Chuck Lohr 9:30 Bridge 1 Hank Penner 9:30 Supervised Play Bob Proves / Form Decker	12:30 Open Directors / Steve Jones  9:30 Supervised Play Marvin Beckerman	12:30 Open Directors / Alan Fowler International Fund	12:30 Open NILM Directors / Nancy Townsend International Fund	12:30 Open Directors / Steve Jones  International Fund
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18	12:30 Flighted Team Game (pairs & teams)	12:30 Open Directors / Alan Fowler 9:30 Supervised Play Bob Proves	12:30 Open Directors / Steve Jones 9:30 Supervised Play Marvin Beckerman	12:30 Open Directors / Alan Fowler	12:30 Open NILM Directors / Nancy Townsend	12:30 Open Directors / Steve Jones
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