



THE FRIENDLIEST BRIDGE CLUB

TABLE TALK

MEET THE MASTERS



Judy Jones
Gold Life Master

Judy Jones has always been competitive so, once introduced to bridge, it was a perfect match. "Bridge has been such an important part of most of my life," she noted. With 2,553.34 masterpoints to date, Judy became a Gold Life Master in June!

Competition started early for Judy. From age 14 to 20, she was a champion roller skater in dance, practicing and competing at the famous Hippodrome Skating Rink in Long Beach. She and her partners qualified for and competed in Nationals four year in a row from 1956 to 1960, where she earned a Gold Medal in dance in 1958.



About that time, her father moved the family to Los Alamitos where, in 1959, Judy won the title of Miss Los Alamitos and represented the town in the Miss Universe Pageant. Married in 1961 to Glen Jones, a local Bellflower boy, they had three children.

In 1968, her neighborhood Canasta group had a member who played bridge. Judy explained, "This person decided it was time for the group to learn this game. The Goren 'book of rules' replaced the Canasta game immediately. I loved this new game—bridge!!!"

Graduating from Golden West College in 1972, Judy started playing tennis in 1975 and ended up playing competitively for 27 years. She played at Lindborg Racquet Club in Huntington Beach for 15 years, and then joined Newport Beach Tennis Club in 1990—playing in many women's leagues and

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70's Club Big Games



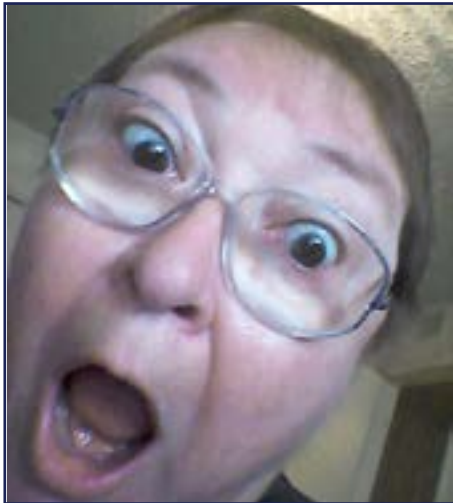
Mel Fineberg and Fred Willbanks had a 71.51% game in a field of 10 tables on October 10. Bunny ears courtesy of Fred's daughter, Julie Weinstein



Rita Vanlierop and Bonnie Shok had a 78.9% game in a field of four tables during a NLM game on October 14.



Nancy Toussaint and John Crabtree had a 70.47% STaC game in a field of 10-1/2 tables on October 31.



Jo Melis



Lynn Danielson



Unit News

Join us for our next Unit game on Sunday, November 27th, at 12:30 p.m. Only \$8 for the Open and \$1.99 for the 199'er section!

Our Fall Sectional is on November 12-13. Open and NLM pairs on Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday, all for only \$10 a session. Make reservations by email to kulrusty@charter.net.

Hope to see you there!

by Lillian Slater, Unit President

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a milestone?

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tournaments. Judy added, "I loved playing tennis, then lunch, and, of course, playing bridge with my friends most afternoons. After a few glasses of wine, we all thought bridge was best competitive game ever!"



In 1976, Judy and her husband started a business together, MIKRO PRODUCTS, to manufacture and sell a plumbing cleanout cover. Available in different sizes for new commercial and industrial buildings, it was made of a nickel-bronze material with a cast iron body. It was designed for installation in restaurants, banks, strip malls—any new building where running water had to have an access for unclogging water pipes. Judy added, "Things were going great, the business was taking off, then one day four years later ... disaster!" At the age of 41, Glen had a heart attack and died nine months later in November 1980.

Judy knew the office part of the business but had never gone to the shop to make the product. Her dad and mom came to the rescue. As a retired engineering teacher at Compton College, her dad was able to show Judy how to paint, "tap and drill" on the machine assembly line, and pack/box UPS shipments.

The next step for Judy was to get out there and contact plumbing wholesalers to continue to keep MIKRO on their shelves for plumbers to buy/install in their new building projects. She also contacted architects and plumbers directly to convince them that MIKRO was the best performing and best-priced cleanout on the market. In the early 1980's women had not yet broken into this field, but Judy explained, "I was accepted into the rep business because my husband had been so loved in the Southern California industry." She also represented OASIS Watercoolers and Universal Cast Iron located in South



Gate.

"Business and my three teenage children kept me hopping!" Judy noted. Then, in 1986, she decided to take a square dancing class followed by country two-step classes, and then line dancing. She added, "The next 10 years were filled with kids, business, tennis, dancing, and a little bridge." A man named Dwight Dorman, a tennis player, introduced Judy to duplicate bridge in 1990 and got her to join ACBL.

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BBO VIRTUAL GAMES

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99ers NiteClub - VACB905265

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TABLE TALK

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In 1995, Judy started dating a man who owned nine motorcycles. For the next three years, they rode a motorcycle everywhere they went. They joined several couples clubs and rode charity runs and weekend events. "What a blast it was" she said.

In January 2000, Judy returned to duplicate bridge. She joined the Anaheim Bridge Club and, with a group of friends, traveled to sectionals and regionals, all the while acquiring masterpoints. Judy added, "In the summer of 2002, all things changed. I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had another big fight ahead. Bridge and the friends from Anaheim Bridge Club got me through all the cancer operations and treatments. My bridge friends were like my family. They made sure I always had a partner to play with. Bridge gave me hope and a fighting spirit for getting through the cancer. And, in the middle of all that, I got my Life Master in February 2004."

When Judy finally came to Long Beach Bridge in 2006, she had 600 masterpoints. She initially played with Bob Mault every Thursday because she "wanted a partner who was a good player" that she could learn from. She recalled that they didn't even use bidding boxes then because Irma, the owner at that time, didn't like them.

Quickly Judy recognized that "this is my club." This was Long Beach Bridge in its heyday—a close, tight-knit club where players would often adjourn to Betty McClellan's to "talk about the hands over drinks. What a wonderful club we had and still have!"



Judy's advice to newer bridge players is "ask questions of the better players. You can learn a lot watching them bid and play." Her favorite convention is the Cue Bid Limit Raise because "it is especially useful when responding to a partner who has overcalled. Also, playing upside down carding is a wonderful tool."

Today Judy plays face-to-face bridge six times a week, four at Leisure World and twice at Long Beach. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Unit 557 and the Leisure World bridge club.

Something few know about Judy was that she worked at Disneyland as a VIP hostess

for three years starting in 1960. She accompanied celebrities when they visited the park including Lucille Ball and Janet Curtis with her daughter, Jamie Lee Curtis, who was a child at the time. Judy even coordinated several itineraries for the master himself, Walt Disney.

Long Beach Bridge is fortunate to have such a multi-talented person as a player and member of its unit board. The next time Judy plays at your table, make a Cue Bid Limit Raise and ask her about one of her many adventures.

by Lillian Slater



"Back to the Club" November 7-20!

Long Beach Bridge club games will be run as Upgraded Club Championships. More points, same cost, and more fun!



SPOOKTACULAR HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER



Carolyn Burnes, Ramani Ravikandan, Marcus Evans, and Laura Gastelum enjoyed playing at the Ventura Regional. Rumor has it they were able to scare up several gold points.







Costume Contest winners Jan and Rita Vanlierop blessed us with their presence. I'll say amen to that.



Contest participants include Ardie Laine, Alan Flower, Nancy Toussaint, Sharon Flower, Cindy Barth, Paul Barth, and Linda Nye.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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