

2023 Unit 557 Board



Left to Right, Sharon Biederman, Charles Laine (LBBC Rep), Ann Peacock, Alan Olschwang, Lillian Slater (President), Melanie Smothers, Jenny Ernest (Treasurer), Dalia Hernandez, Fern Dunbar, Judy Jones (Leisure World Rep), Nancy Imbery, Joey DuRee, Linda Leventhal (Secretary.) Missing: Leo Dittimore (Vice President) and Rita Vanlierop.

Units supervise and promote bridge within their boundaries. They have the exclusive right to host sectionals in their territory and to conduct other special games such as unit championships. Unit 557 hosts Sectionals each Spring and November as well as monthly unit games. Each unit receives a share of ACBL membership fees. ACBL encourages units to use these fees for programs to increase membership and enhance the enjoyment of the game for all members.

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Status Changes

Sectional Masters

Daniel Frank

Linda Leventhal

Welcome New Members

Larry Brugger
Lynn Dawson

Susan Hitchcock
Ann Peacock

70's Club Big Games



On March 6, Ed and Michael Piken played a 72.32% game in a field of nine tables.



On March 25, Jackie Hess and Corey Hand played a 72.08% STaC game in a field of six tables.

Charity Month



Support the ACBL Charity Foundation with Bridge
Join us for Charity Month and earn upgraded masterpoint® awards while also raising funds for the Long Beach Women's Shelter and ACBL Charity Foundation.

Our charity games will be 5 April. Upgraded black points will be awarded.

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

• 6:20 p.m. 19ers.



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On March 26, Joey DuRee and Nancy Imbery played to exacting 70.00% game in a NLM field of three tables at the monthly Unit Game.



At Leisure World on March 13, Shmuel Fisher and Thad Mikols played a 71.43% game in a field of seven tables.



Upgraded Championship Game! Wednesday April 5th

More Points, Same
Card Fees

We earned an upgraded championship game by adding ten new members. Thank you to Bridge Brigade for their education and marketing efforts and congratulations to new members and future Life Masters:

Connie Webb
Donna Dzedzic
Ronald Lee
Susie Armstrong
Cherene Birkholz
Susan Reininger
Neil Gotanda
Patricia Frazier
Lynn Dawson
Benjamin Boehlke

Remembering Janet Logan

On 28 March, an anonymous donor hosted a lunch in honor of Janet. Everyone enjoyed Valentino's antipasto salad, lasagna, and garlic bread while reminiscing about Janet. Jo Melis and Carolyn Byrnes provided a yummy cake and ice cream. And look how sweet the pink plates, flower pot centerpieces and placemats are.



We Asked You Responded



Thank you to John Galigher, Melanie Smothers, Colleen Gardner, and Lynda Montgomery for volunteering to make boards. Kudos to Lillian for training our board makers. Also, you can thank Kiyo Nagaishi for all the nice new green pass cards in the bid boxes.

Talk to Chuck Laine if you too would like to help.



I Want You **to Be a Director**

What does it take to be a good club director? These are the essential requirements:

- * Knowledge and understanding of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and ACBL regulations.
- * Ability to work with required software and hardware.
- * Public relations skills to balance the roles of referee, judge, teacher, psychologist and entertainment director.

Preparation

You can prepare for this exam by studying on your own or by enrolling in the Club Directors Course. It is an open-book, online test. You must answer at least 65 percent of the questions correctly to pass the test and become a certified ACBL Club Director.

Materials to get started available [here](#).

Club Director Course available on

[April 10 and May 13](#)



New Classes

Bridge 1

Mondays, 3 April - 29 May
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Register through OLLI
or \$40 through Bridge
Brigade

Bridge 2

Tuesdays, 4 April - 30 May
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

\$40

Topics Include:
Interference,
Preempts,
and more!

The Wearing of the Green

The club was awash with green on 17 March as everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's day. Those who forgot their green happily used the pass card as their color. Leprechaun Bill McClean even sported a green goatee for the occasion.



April Needs Your Artsy Stuff!



April is asking for donations for her Long Beach Parks and Recreation Arts and Crafts Camp for 5-12 year olds. She needs yarn, broken jewelry, ceramic tiles, yarn, fabric trim and CD's. There'll be a donation box under wall trophies for your donations.

Our Sympathies to the Friends and Family of



**Janet Logan
1941-2023**

Congratulations, Kevin!



Kevin Lane was profiled on BBO after his recent win in March's Stars & Stripes Robot Individual. He scored an impressive 62.62%

TABLE TALK

Editor	Ardie Laine
Contributors	April Berg
	Carolyn Byrnes
	Charles Laine
	Lillian Slater

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

Charity Weeks will raise funds for Long Beach Woman's Shelter and ACBL Charity Foundation.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <p>The Friendliest Bridge Club since 1986</p>				1 12:30 Open Director: Steve Rowe
2	3 12:30 Open Director: Alan Flower 6:30 750'er Class/Play Dalia Hernandez 9:30 Bridge 1 Hank Dunbar 9:30 199'er Game Rob Preece	4 12:30 Open Director: Chuck Laine Bridge 2 Hank Dunbar 9:30 199'er Game Rob Preece/ Fern Dunbar	5 12:30 Open Upgraded Championship 9:30 199'er Game Sharon Biederman	6 12:30 Open NLM Director: Alan Flower	7 12:30 Open NLM Director: Nancy Toussaint	8 12:30 Open Director: Steve Rowe
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