

MEET THE MASTERS



Sherry Troeger
Ruby Life Master

Sherry Troeger has earned 1,679.17 masterpoints to date—becoming a Ruby Life Master in 2019.

In 1993, while she was still teaching, Sherry's husband Steve had a regular golf group so she decided to find a group activity for herself. She took different classes in

French, art, literature, and finally discovered bridge. Initially taught by Larry Slutsky, she then took "the famous George Welsh lessons." Eventually, Bob Mault became her mentor and regular partner for many years. Sherry explained, "Since I was still teaching with all the paperwork that involved, I could only play weekends and evenings as well as a lot in the summers."

Sherry was an 8th grade teacher in Whittier for 38 years. She taught theater for six years, literature and civics for most of her career, and then American and European history the last three. One of her favorite memories was being recruited to be a docent at The Huntington in San Marino, a place she took her students every year. She noted, "I attended all the classes but, in the end, my enjoyment of bridge won out." She was also honored to have her essay/application selected for a special

program sponsored by Steven Spielberg when the Holocaust Museum opened in Washington, D.C. She explained, "We were given private tours of the museum, curriculum for the students, and \$300 to spend in the gift shop for books and realia to be used in our teaching. I was so mesmerized by the museum that my tour started at 9 a.m. and didn't end until 1 a.m. when a guard gently reminded me that he had to go home." After she retired in 2004, Sherry was able to devote more time to playing bridge.

Sherry's teaching career was symbiotic with her other passions: reading and travel. A lifelong reader, she has reluctantly turned to books on tape as she adjusts to dealing with her macular degeneration. Her travel buddy is her nephew Christopher Sims. She enthusiastically noted, "Of course, I love London with its theater

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Status Changes

Junior Master	Aarlyn Glenn
Club Master	Marty Shober
Advanced NABC Master	Ralph Bunson
Bronze Life Master	John Hagman
Ruby Life Master	Rob Preece

Welcome Transfers

John Bakovic
 Jim McFall
 Casey Stiers

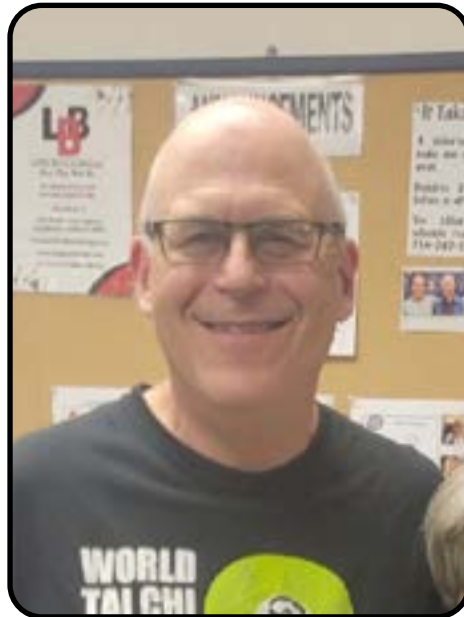
70's Club Big Games



On May 6, Jackie Hess and Cory Hand played a 71.73% game in a field of eight tables. Deja vu all over again, on May 27, Jackie and Cory had a 75.89% game in a field of eight tables.



John Hagman
Bronze Life Master



Rob Preece
Ruby Life Master



Steve Rowe and Rich Wasser have celebrated their May 29th birthdays together for eight years at the bridge club. This is the only time all year that they partner together, regularly scoring some birthday points and even placing first five times.

Upgraded Championships

18 June - Team Game

29 June - Club Manager's Birthday

Our Newest Nonagenarians



On May 16th Betty Curtis celebrated her 90th birthday with the 199ers.



Happy 90th birthday, Fred Willbanks! Fred is sporting his newest statement shirt that he received for his birthday. Fred is one of our regular fill-ins. Thanks for allowing us to avoid those pesky sitouts, Fred. Happy birthday!

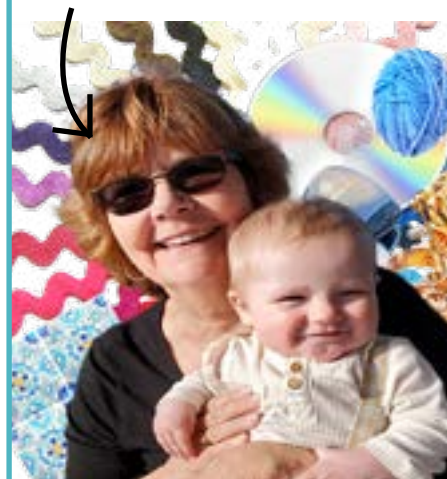


In Other News...

When you read an article in Table Talk, you expect it to be about bridge. But this is about actual table talk. If you were paying attention, you heard bridge friends congratulating Hank and Fern on their grandson's success. Here's what that was about: Their grandson, Tristan Boyer of Alta Dena, placed second in the ATP Challenger Professional Tennis Tournament the last week in April. Tristan began playing tennis at age four and received a tennis scholarship to Stanford, before turning pro. Unfortunately, a tennis injury sent him to rehab for 14 months. Now, fully recovered, he resumed competing this year on the professional circuit, advancing to the ATP finals in Savannah, GA. With such ambition and determination, we can only hope he limits his focus to tennis and fishing with Grandpa Hank and leaves bridge to us.

By Lyn Kraatz

April Needs Your Artsy Stuff!



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



TABLE TALK

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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.

scene." Then, recalling all her trips, she nostalgically remembered studying art in Paris, visiting Rodin's house, enjoying Monet's garden of water lilies at his home, and standing where Van Gogh placed his easel when painting such classics as Wheat Field with Crows in his final years. Sherry added, "While I was standing in that field, a crow landed nearby which I thought was so symbolic."

One of her favorite trips was to Krakow, Poland, with its castle— so large it took Christopher and her three days to tour all of it. They would visit the castle each morning then enjoy Polish folkloric dancing in the afternoon followed by a Chopin concert or opera in the evening. Sherry noted, "Despite all it has endured, Poland is a great humanitarian country and has accepted over one million refugees from Ukraine. I love the soul and heart of the people of Poland." One evening they went to dinner at The Mushroom, a jazz boutique and restaurant. Christopher loves to eat and Sherry would always pay for his entrée. She said, "This restaurant was less expensive than Mexico so I told Christopher to order anything he wanted which he did!"

Sherry's advice to developing players is "take lots of classes and read lots of books on bridge. You'll meet people in classes who will



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 [June 8](#)

become your partners." Sherry added, "Always try to be positive and not get upset with your partner. Compliment them on the things they do well." In terms of conventions, Sherry has "played them all, 2/1 and standard." She tells her partners "I'll play your card," noting "I often learn new conventions and techniques from partners."

One thing people don't realize about Sherry is that she can be sneaky. When touring

the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, her group was ushered out after only a few minutes. She was so enthralled with Michelangelo that, rather than leaving as directed, she hid on the floor "and traced the ceiling with my eyes until they discovered me an hour later and threw me out."

Thank you, Sherry, for the class, style, and kindness you bring to our bridge club. We always enjoy coming to your table!

by Lillian Slater



We're raising funds for The Longest Day!

Play bridge between sunrise and sunset to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Join us June 20. We'll be playing bridge and honoring those with Alzheimer's and their caretakers as part of The Longest Day fundraiser. Have fun, stimulate your mind and earn some masterpoints.

PRO/AM GAME



**Dip Your Toe into the Water
Play with a Pro
Tuesday, June 6
9:30 a.m.
\$5 for Amateurs
Director: Chuck Laine**



Club Qualifiers 12 - 17 June

Earning a qualification in any club-level NAP game in any District qualifies a player for his/her own District NAP finals.

1. Flight A Open to any player
2. Flight B Players with fewer than 2500 MPs as of the June 2023 masterpoint cycle
3. Flight C Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MPs as of the June 2023

Club level qualification is earned as an individual and not as a partnership.

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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June 2023

May 2023



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