

## MEET THE MASTERS



**Cory Hand**  
**Ruby Life Master**

Although he didn't start playing bridge until his 30's, Cory Hand became a Life Master in 2007 and has already amassed 2,320.67 masterpoints to achieve the status of Ruby Life Master!

Cory is the only one of John\* and Suzie\*\* Hand's three children who caught

the bridge bug. A math teacher, like both of his parents, Cory explained, "They encouraged me to try bridge for many years but I was only lukewarm to the idea. Finally, getting tired of me saying next year, they gave me lessons as my birthday present one year."

After taking lessons from Bob Mault, Cory started playing evenings and occasional weekends at the club. He added, "I was lucky to play with a lot of good players," so he progressed rapidly. Additionally, Cory and his dad attended tournaments, including a couple of Nationals in Las Vegas where they earned points at bridge and gambled some playing Pai-gow poker.

Cory's advice to advancing players is "Don't worry too much about conventions. Mastering a half dozen of them is enough. Even when the others come up, they don't offer that much of an advantage. Learn to play

the cards and analyze the hands."

For the past 17 years, Cory has taught advanced mathematics classes at Fairmont Prep in Anaheim after teaching 12 years at Servite. He explained, "High-level mathematics requires critical thinking which does help when playing bridge. My experience with probability and numbers helps."

Today Cory plays regularly with Jackie Hess and his dad on BBO, as well as playing in the free daily BBO tournaments. In addition to bridge, Cory is an active uncle to five nieces and nephews, attending their many sporting events.

Next time you're at Table 1, help Cory enjoy his summer vacation and analyze those hands to give him a challenge! Cory, we're thankful you play at our club.

by Lillian Slater

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## Status Changes

Advanced NABC Master    Melanie Smothers  
Ruby Life Master         Sue Fardette

## Welcome New Member

Patty Marrotte-Aichel

## Welcome Transfers

Frank Fox  
Thad Mikola

## 70's Club Big Games



At Leisure World on June 12th, Bud Parish and Joyce Basch scored a 73.15% game in a field of 10 tables. Congratulations!



Yep, they did it again! John Galligher and Ardie Laine played a 70.42% game in a field of seven tables on June 26.



Sue Fardette  
Ruby Life Master

## Get Your Silver Points at LBBC 10 -16 July



**Long Beach Bridge Center  
will be closed  
on 4 and 6 July**

## Upgraded Championship Game, Pizza, and Cupcakes!



We celebrated our club manager's birthday by holding an upgraded championship on 29 June. Jeanette Estill, Colleen Gardner, Jane Reid, and Karen McKittrick organized a surprise pizza party as well. Psst, by the way, he's a suave 61.

**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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### Pro-Am Game a Success!

Long Beach Bridge Center held a Pro-Am on June 6. Turnout was fantastic with 15 tables of enthusiastic players who enjoyed competitive bridge and yummy bagels. Thanks again to all the Pros who donated their time. The Am's shared how much they enjoyed the event. The club plans to schedule this event twice a year.

## Big News

Any player with less than 100 Masterpoints can play in the Open Section for only \$5!

## 17 - 22 July

# SUMMER BREAK

Table Talk will go dark in August. We'll be back in September. Enjoy your summer.

### TABLE TALK





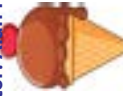

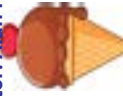
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# July 2023

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <p>The Friendliest Bridge Club since 1986</p>				
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<b>23</b> <b>12:30 Unit Game</b> table talk	<b>24</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Alan Flower 9:30 Bridge 2 Hank Dunbar 9:30 Major Suit Raise Class - Rob Preece	<b>25</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Chuck Laine Bridge 3 Hank Dunbar 9:30 199'er Game Rob Preece/ Fern Dunbar	<b>26</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe 9:30 199'er Game Sharon Biederman	<b>27</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Alan Flower 	<b>28</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> NLM Director: Nancy Toussaint	<b>29</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe 
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