

## MEET THE MASTERS



**Jane Reid**  
**Ruby Life Master**

Jane Reid is a Ruby Life Master, amassing 1,676 masterpoints since playing duplicate bridge from 2008.

A native of Indiana and graduate of Purdue University, Jane still recalls her initial interview with the dean of Engineering who told her, "Nice girls like you

don't make good engineers." She became a Boilermaker but majored in mathematics instead. "Seeking adventure" after graduation, Jane moved to California in 1968, accepting a job with Long Beach Unified School District where she taught mathematics for 30 years. Jane met Jerry, her husband of 55 years, here when she and a group of friends went to a singles bar for a night of fun and socializing. She added, "It was the best decision of my life."

For the first ten years of her career, Jane taught middle school math. As there were no women teaching high school math at that time, she was encouraged to apply to do so. Accepted the next year to teach at Milliken High School, Jane remained there and served as department chair until 1997 when she moved to the LBUSD Math Office to train and coach teachers. Her two daughters—ages 5 and 8 when she first start-

ed at Milliken— eventually attended high school with her. "I loved all my years of teaching. It was special to be at the same school with my girls because then I knew all their friends."

Having been introduced to bridge in college, Jane played socially once a month with eight friends who would "drink wine, play bridge, and visit." After she retired in 2000, one of them said, "Now that you're retired, you need to learn how to play bridge." Their whole group—including Colleen Gardner and Joyce Henderson— started taking lessons from Bob Mault and Jane added, "I really got hooked. Bob was a wonderful teacher who was very patient even when we all talked at once and struggled with reverses." Jane had continued consulting in math at a different high school but, after four years, she quit doing that "to have more time for bridge and golf."

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## Status Changes

Club Master  
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Adair Paul  
Judy Martin  
Charlotte Roush

## Welcome New Members

Amanda Moores                      Jerome Y Shiohama



Adair Paul  
Club Master



Judy Martin  
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Charlotte Roush  
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## 70's Club Big Games



On July 15, Jackie Hess and Cory Hand scored 70.00% in a field of 5 tables.



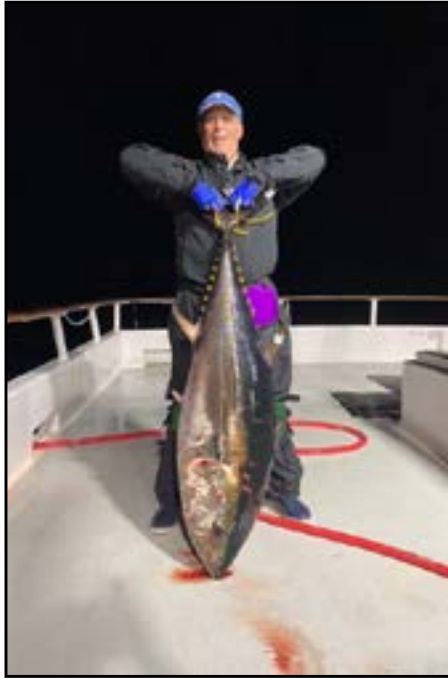
On September 25, Ed and Michael Piken scored a 70.24% game in a field of 11 tables.



## Big News

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

# The Not-So-Old Man and the Sea



A little after 11 pm in July, a charter master called Fern with the news that Hank had landed a 102- pound Blue Fin tuna.

Hank was on a three-day charter boat trip out of San Diego with 29 other fishermen. This wasn't a first-time trip for Hank. He'd been doing this two or three times a year for 15 or 20 years, 15 if he's telling it and 20 if Fern is.

The charter boat settled at Tanner Bank outside San Clemente. The boat was equipped with sonar, and the charter master announced that Blue Fins were at 350 feet below. Hank marked his line with depth markers and was using an attractive jig bait, but keep in mind he'd been doing this for 15 (or 20) years.

When the tuna took his bait, it was Hank "holding on for dear life" as the tuna ran. After about a minute, he knew it was "the big one." It took him about 45 minutes to land the fish. (See the picture! Hank is smiling. The tuna is not.)

But it was always the catching, not the having. Hank explained, "I don't need to fish anymore. I'll fish because I want to, but I don't NEED to fish anymore." The tuna was donated to the Japanese Community in West Covina.

by Lyn Kraatz

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When they first got married, Jane promised to learn to golf while Jerry promised to learn to play bridge. It took them many years but they finally did! Today they play both although Jane admitted, "I am much more competitive about bridge. I'm not really that good at golf but I just enjoy being outside." Jerry's first passion is golf although he still plays bridge, mostly online since his partners don't seem interested in returning to face-to-face bridge.

Jane remembers when she became a Life Master. Playing Gold Rush with Joyce Henderson in the Rancho Mirage tournament, They came in second on Thursday,

earning 10 or 11 Gold points and then first the next day for 12 more! She added, "I was so excited that I couldn't even sleep that night!"

Jane's advice to new and advancing bridge players comes from another teacher/mentor, Mark Teaford, "who is my hero. He loved the game so much. He told us to, after every game, look over the hands and your play. Figure out what you could have done differently or better. Mark even wrote a book for us to study." To this day, Jane does just that as her partners can attest from her postmortem notes to them. She added, "I feel fortunate to have had such good partners who make playing bridge enjoyable."

Jane enjoys playing conventions but thinks play of the hand is a more important part of the game, but it is difficult to learn as it takes lots of experience.

Jane and Jerry are very close to their two daughters though they live far away, one in Portland with two teenagers and the other in the Bay Area with one son. Jane added, "Fortunately they love getting together so we see them three or four times a year."

Thanks for bringing your competitive spirit, encouraging words, and supportive smile to our tables, Jane. Share one of insights from your latest post-game analyses with us!

by Lillian Slater



# We Our Volunteers



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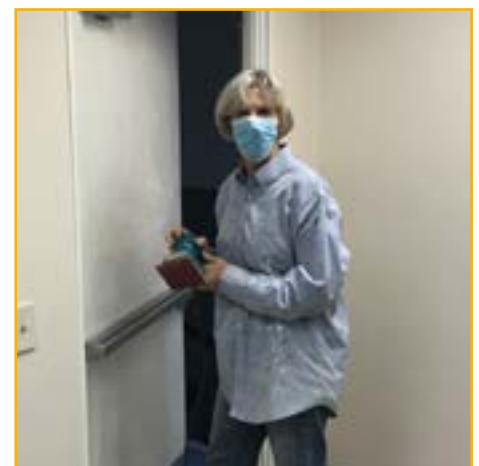
After

## LBBC Gets a Fresh Face

If you're wondering about our new door, it's actually our old door repainted. It needed a new coat before the logo was applied. We have Ardie to thank for the cheerful color - ACBL Yellow - and Ardie and Chuck to thank for the charming logo decal.

Many thanks to the anonymous donor who wanted us to upgrade our appearance. We have done that! If you haven't noticed the new door, you probably shouldn't be playing bridge.

by Lyn Kraatz



Thank you to Casey Stiers for replacing light bulbs and for the LED light at table 4. And thank you to John Kilmer for an upgrade to the table trays.

## Instructor Appreciation at October Unit Game

If you are a "relatively" new player like me, chances are that you've taken some lessons at our bridge center. I'm guessing that you'll agree that we are lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteer teachers.

I've been fortunate to have learned the bridge basics from Sharon Biederman, Hank Dunbar and Rob Preece, as well as sitting in on a couple of lessons for advancing players with Dalia Hernandez. I've been consistently impressed with their love of the game and their great capacity for breaking down a complicated game into its composite parts. They really help us newbies with a lot of humor and patience.

Let's show these teachers some love at the October

Unit Game on Sunday, October 29 at 12:30 p.m. We'll have cake and ice cream, plus plenty of note cards so that you can write your own words of appreciation to our instructors. If there are at least three tables, there will be a NLM section, *and* I'm pretty sure that if we can get three table of even newer players, we'll be able to have a 99'er section for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. It'll be a great way to ease into playing in a game bigger than lessons or supervised play.

It's always helpful if you RSVP (which you can do through the website, [longeachbridge.com](http://longeachbridge.com), or by calling 562-498-8113), but just showing up works, too. I hope to see you there!

By Libby Tigner

# Long Beach Fall Sectional\*



## November 4 & 5, 2023

Reservations Required - 25 Table Limit  
email Lillian Slater at [lilliands@gmail.com](mailto:lilliands@gmail.com)

### Saturday Pairs -10:00 a.m & 2:30 p.m

\$12 card fees / session per person

### Sunday Swiss Teams -10:00 a.m

with a lunch break

Must participate in both sessions - \$24 card fees

### Mini-Lesson 9-9:45 a.m - both days

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### **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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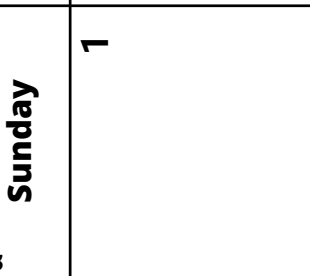
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# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>12:30 Team Game</b> Director: Sean Lui	2 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Alan Flower Bridge 3 Hank Dunbar 9:30 Selected Topics Rob Preece	3 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Chuck Laine Bridge 1 Hank Dunbar 9:30 199'er game Rob Preece/ Fern Dunbar	4 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe 9:30 199'er Game Sharon Biederman	5 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Ardie Laine 	6 <b>12:30 Open</b> NLM Director: Nancy Toussaint	7 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe
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15 <b>12:30 Unit Game</b> Director: Sean Lui	16 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Leo Dittmore Bridge 3 Hank Dunbar 9:30 Selected Topics Rob Preece	17 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Chuck Laine Bridge 1 Hank Dunbar 9:30 199'er Game Rob Preece/ Fern Dunbar	18 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe 9:30 199'er Game Sharon Biederman	19 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Ardie Laine 	20 <b>12:30 Open</b> NLM Director: Nancy Toussaint	21 <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe 
22 <b>12:30 Unit Game/ Teacher Appreciation</b>	23 <b>Club Appreciation</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Leo Dittmore Bridge 3 Hank Dunbar 9:30 Selected Topics Rob Preece	24 <b>Club Appreciation</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Chuck Laine Bridge 1 Hank Dunbar 9:30 199'er Game Rob Preece/ Fern Dunbar	25 <b>Club Appreciation</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe ACBL-Wide Instant Bidding 9:30 199'er Game Sharon Biederman	26 <b>Club Appreciation</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Ardie Laine 	27 <b>Club Appreciation</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> NLM Director: Nancy Toussaint	28 <b>Club Appreciation</b> <b>12:30 Open</b> Director: Steve Rowe
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