

OUR FABULOUS TEACHERS



Rob Preece, Hank Dunbar, Fern Dunbar, Sharon Biederman, Leo Dittimore, and Dalia Hernandez

Long Beach Bridge Center loves its teachers! Students and players expressed their appreciation to these very special volunteers at an event organized and hosted by Libby Tigner during the October Unit Game. Our teachers nurture and grow students into duplicate bridge players who can eventually compete in Open games and at ACBL tournaments. They provide a pipeline of new players to ensure this game that we love endures and thrives. Their donation of the class fees to the club ensures that, it too, can continue to operate.

As Libby said, "A lot of bridge clubs have a reputation for not being welcoming, but that's not what I've encountered here. There are so many opportunities for newer players to learn and play at a level comfortable for



Libby Tigner

them. So, we just want to acknowledge and thank Sharon who was so instrumental in setting up Bridge Brigade and getting the classes going. Then, of course, thanks to the teachers who donate their time to teach and make the

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Status Changes

Diamond LM

J. Baum Harris

Welcome New Members

Penelope Brear

Laura Breen

Welcome Transfers

Cindy Barth
Henry Meuer

Paul Barth
Judith Meurer
Michael Teng

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classes so much fun.”

Hank Dunbar has the enthusiasm and patience to take his Bridge 1 class of 28 students from using bidding boxes to bidding and playing basic hands. He has recently revamped the sequence of his classes to introduce Play of the Hand earlier and to spread the bidding sequences over a longer period of time in order to not overwhelm students. The current Bridge 1 class includes 12 students recruited from ACBL’s BOOST program, a list generated by ACBL and provided to qualified teachers. Hank personally contacted all of these referrals to enroll the 12 in this session.

July’s Bridge 2 class had 20 students, and the current Bridge 3 has 12 students. Hank added, “We end each session with tournaments involving Bridge 1 students and other players with under 20 masterpoints. Some pairs are even venturing into the NLM games” Several students joined ACBL, and Hank received a personal thank you from Bronia Jenkins, Executive Director of ACBL.

Rob Preece developed a Monday morning class that introduces and reviews topics for evolving and intermediate students. With his characteristic wit and duck whistle, he covers topics from Jacoby 2NT to Modern Drury. Rob continues to de-



**Baum Harris
Diamond Life Master**

Baum Harris accomplished many goals this summer. First, he achieved the rank of Diamond Life Master. This lofty rank requires 5000 Masterpoint of which at least 1000 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 500 or more are gold/platinum. Join us at the club on 13 November to celebrate with champagne and cheesecake.

Baum also achieved the rank of husband to Sandra Schlosser on 17 August

2023. This rank requires mutual love and respect. Congratulations to both Sandra and Baum. We wish you love and happiness.



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 velop curriculum, attracting
 11-12 tables for each lesson.
 Fern Dunbar assists Rob in
 this class. Additionally, Rob
 is always available to answer
 questions and to review
 hands after any game in
 which he plays.

Dalia Hernandez is the
 queen of conventions,
 teaching an online class
 every Monday evenings for
 advancing players. At the
 same time, she continues to
 mentor new and prior stu-
 dents and is always willing to
 answer in-person or emailed
 questions on bidding or play
 of the hand.

Students can practice
 their skills and and log "time
 at the table" during the
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 morning 199'er games. Rob
 directs and supervises the
 Tuesday game with Fern's
 help. Sharon Biederman con-
 ducted the Wednesday game
 and is now passing the baton
 to Leo Dittimore. Players,
 when they feel comfortable,-
 can graduate to NLM and
 then Open games.

Long Beach Bridge is fortunate to offer this structured sequence of classes and games to support its players. And, it is only possible thanks to our teachers who volunteer their time and energy to inspire and coach others. Thank you!

by Lillian Slater

70's Club Big Games



On October 9 and 16 and 23, Ed and Michael Piken scored a 75.65 and 75.65 and 71.3% games in a fields of 8 and 8-1/2 and 11 tables. Trifecta, hat trick, triple crown? You decide.



On September 29 and October 18, Nancy Imbery and Joey DuRee scored 72.5 and 70.83 % in a fields of 6 and 4 tables in the NLM game.



On October 25, Melinda Wilson and Rita Van Lierop score 73.61% in a field of x tables in the NLM game.

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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TABLE TALK

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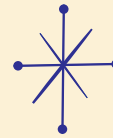
Article Submissions
 We welcome articles, ideas and photos pertaining to our club. We reserve the right to revise submissions. Contact Ardie at ardeaux1@gmail.com.

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To Review

HANDS WITH

ACBL Grand LifeMaster, 3-Time NABC+
Champion, 1-Time World Champion

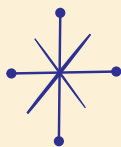
WALT SCHAFFER

Friday November 3 & 17, 4:00 pm

Soft Drinks, Cocktails,
and a Light Dinner



Walt will moderate a discussion.
Share your good hand stories.



RSVP to manager@longbeachbridge.com

Long Beach Fall Sectional*



November 4 & 5, 2023

Reservations Required - 25 Table Limit
email Lillian Slater at lilliands@gmail.com

Long Beach Bridge Center
4782 E. Pacific Coast Highway
(Above and behind Big 5, enter in the rear)

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

\$12 card fees / session per person

NLM	Stratifications	Open
🍂 0 - 50		🍂 0 - 1500
🍃 51 - 200		🍃 1501 - 3000
🍁 201 - 499		🍁 3000+

Sunday Swiss Teams - 10:00 a.m. with a lunch break

Must participate in both sessions - \$24 card fees per person

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

by esteemed Bridge Brigade teachers,
Hank Dunbar and Rob Preece

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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p>Long Beach Bridge Center The Friendliest Bridge Club since 1946</p>					
 <p>5 Sectional Tournament</p>	<p>6 12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> <p>Bridge 3 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 Selected Topics Rob Prosser</p>	<p>7 12:30 Open Director: Rob Dember</p> <p>Bridge 1 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Rob Prosser/ Pam Dember</p>	<p>8 12:30 Opens/MLM Director: Steve Stone</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Lee Ottensmire</p>	<p>9 12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> 	<p>10 12:30 Open/MLM Director: Nancy Townsend</p> <p>After Party Händ Järvinen</p>	<p>11 12:30 Open Director: Steve Stone</p>
<p>12 12:30 Team Game</p>	<p>13 B. Harris Diamond LM Celebration</p> <p>12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> <p>Bridge 3 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 Selected Topics Rob Prosser</p>	<p>14 STAC 12:30 Open Director: Chuck Lehto</p> <p>Bridge 1 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Rob Prosser/ Pam Dember</p>	<p>15 STAC 12:30 Opens/MLM Director: Steve Stone</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Lee Ottensmire</p>	<p>16 STAC 12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> 	<p>17 STAC 12:30 Open/MLM Director: Nancy Townsend</p> <p>After Party Händ Järvinen</p>	<p>18 STAC 12:30 Open Director: Steve Stone</p> 
<p>19 12:30 Unit Game</p>	<p>20 12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> <p>Bridge 3 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 Selected Topics Rob Prosser</p>	<p>21 12:30 Open Director: Chuck Lehto</p> <p>Bridge 1 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Rob Prosser/ Pam Dember</p>	<p>22 Upgraded Championship 12:30 Opens/MLM</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Lee Ottensmire</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24 12:30 Open/MLM Director: Nancy Townsend</p>	<p>25 12:30 Open Director: Steve Stone</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> <p>Bridge 3 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 Selected Topics Rob Prosser</p>	<p>28 12:30 Open Director: Chuck Lehto</p> <p>Bridge 1 Mark Dember</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Rob Prosser/ Pam Dember</p>	<p>29 12:30 Opens/MLM Director: Steve Stone</p> <p>9:30 199'er Game Lee Ottensmire</p>	<p>30 12:30 Open Director: Alan Rimmer</p> 