

Hi, my name is Casey Stiers, and "I LOVE BRIDGE." I have been a member of ACBL since June 1976 and just achieved my Life Master at the very end of 2023. This is my journey to that goal.

I have lived in El Segundo for more than 50 years and love my city. I joined ACBL while in college and played ever since. I played once or twice a week in non-sanctioned games and

in a couple of tournaments a year for over 40 years. One of my bridge highlights came in 2000 when I played in the Phoenix Regional Knockout Teams with my mother, stepfather, and brother. My mother only needed a few Gold Points to make Life Master. We had a great two days and I believe placed 2nd, enough to get her Life Master. What a thrill!

Fast forward many years. I retired in 2020 just before COVID hit and planned to devote more time to bridge. In October 2022, my mother and I took a bridge cruise where we met many people from the Long Beach Bridge Center—Chuck and Ardie Laine, Jackie and Richard Hess, Baum Harris and Sandra Schlosser, Jerry and Melanie Smith, and Karen and Mike McKittrick. They all encouraged me to come to the club. So, I did and set a goal of making Life Master.

But my ultimate goal was to achieve Life Master with my mother. I needed about 75 points of any color. Big

goal, but I took it on. My mother and I had planned a bridge cruise in December 2023, so I needed to get close but not go over. For months I played multiple times a week with many different partners, always watching my total points. In December I still needed about 15 points and, again playing multiple times a week, I got it down to 0.66 points needed. So, I stopped playing for a week. My mother came to town a couple days before the cruise, and we were able to play at the club on the Tuesday before leaving. We placed that day and received 0.63 points. I was 0.03 points short of my Life Master, but I knew I would get it on the cruise with my mother.

Happy ending, we placed the first day and I finally achieved my goal. Other than bridge, I enjoy woodworking and DIY projects for family and friends.

"I LOVE BRIDGE," my mother, and my bridge family.

by Casey Stiers

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Status Changes

Club Master	Judy P Strauss
Sectional Master	Cindy R Cox Tracey Whitney
NABC Master	Frances L Gross Marcia C Lane
Life Master	Casey Stiers

70's Club Big Games



On February 10, David Peim and Neal Kleiner scored 72.92% in a field of 6 tables.



**Life Master
Casey Stiers**



**Sunday
3 March**

**10:00 a.m.
Spring Cleaning
at the Club**

**Bring your elbow grease
and a smile and join us
for a morning of cleaning.
It's time to de-gunkify our
bridge boards.**



On February 26, Ed and Michael Pike scored 70.96% in a field of 10 tables.



On February 19, Mark Tang and Kim Wang scored 71.08% in a field of 11 tables.

Celebrating Birthdays at the Club



Bill McClean provided a cake to celebrate Melinda Wilson's birthday.



Melinda Wilson brought cakes for Lillian's birthday.



First Fridays
are now
Birthday Friday

Come celebrate each month's birthday boys and girls during the Friday game.

Fridays just got a little sweeter

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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.

2023 Unit 557 Ace of Club Winners - Most Points Won at Club Including Virtual Club Games

0 - 5



Ann Peacock 23.00
Allan Lubitz 14.40
Aarlyn Glenn 13.19

500 - 1000



Lillian Slater 97.42
Charles Laine 69.68
Frederick Reker 63.09

5 - 20



Adair Paul 10.06
Lynda Montgomery 9.19
SherryGeller-Vogeli 4.14

1000 - 1500



Jeanette Estill 148.82
Robert Preece 141.57
John Galligher 103.94

20 - 50



Patricia Warner 48.83
Glenn Barry 39.57
Katherine Jervik 16.44

1500 - 2500



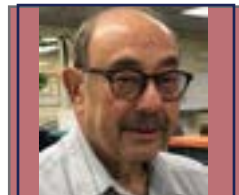
Kiyoko Nagaishi 143.59
John Bakovic 122.90
Mel Fineberg 114.20

50 - 100



Melinda Wilson 41.66
Daniel Frank 25.83
Jane Manson 14.25

2500 - 3500



Alan Olschwang 195.06
Fern Dunbar 139.53
Steven Rowe 128.27

100 - 200



Jan Van Lierop 37.24
Joey Duree 36.87
Rita Vanlierop 35.05

3500 - 5000



John Petrie 129.86
Jo Melis 99.97
Joan Tschirki 35.50

200 - 300



Leo Dittmore 150.51
Casey Stiers 47.94
Carolyn Byrnes 38.47

5000 - 7500



Jackie Hess 242.01
Jon Yinger 192.74
Bill McClean 175.13

300 - 500



Melanie Smothers 71.21
Howard Small 43.57
Ellen Kice 37.21

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David Schudson 4.76

2022 Unit 557 Mini-McKenney Winners

Most Points During a Calendar Year (virtual & F2F)



0 - 5
Ann Peacock
27.47



5 - 20
Lynda Montgomery
11.14



20 - 50
Patricia Warner
52.50



50 - 100
Melinda Wilson
52.01



100 - 200
Joey DuRee
74.27



200 - 300
Leo Dittimore
221.13



500 - 1000
Thomas Cox
134.01



500 - 1000
Lillian Slater
147.99



1000 - 1500
Robert Preece
234.5



1500 - 2500
Mel Fineberg
195.98



2500 - 3500
Alan Olschwang
258.16



3500 - 5000
John Petrie
188.52



5000 - 7500
Jackie Hess
306.86



> 10,000
David Schudson
104.01



Mark Teaford Memorial
given to 299er who earned the most
masterpoints in a year

Leo Dittimore



Irma Johnson Memorial
given to the person who scored the most
masterpoints in unit games for the year

Jackie Hess & Cory Hand









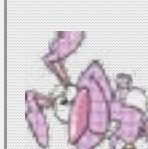





John Killian Award
given to the person who scored the most
points in the Annual Long Beach Sectional

Kevin Lane

Join us at the
March 24th Unit
game

Celebrate your
achievements.
Fern Dunbar will be
distributing Free Play
awards to the winner
of each category.
These free plays
are for Sunday Unit
games only.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29 12:30 OPEN  Director Alan Flower	1 12:30 OPEN/NLM  Monthly Birthdays Director Nancy Toussaint	2 DayLight Savings 12:30 OPEN POP UP Game Director Steve Rowe
3 Volunteers Needed 10:00 Board Meeting 	4 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge1/H.Dunbar 9:30 Sel Topics/Preece Director Alan Flower	5 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge2/H.Dunbar 9:30 199r Game Dir:Chuck Laine, Rob/Fern	6 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir S. Rowe/ L.Dittemore	7 12:30 OPEN  Director Alan Flower	8 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy Toussaint	9 12:30 OPEN Director Steve Rowe
10	11 ACBL Wide 12:30 OPEN Senior Pairs *Silver Points* 9:30 Sel Topics/Preece Director Alan Flower	12 12:30 OPEN 9:30 199r Game Dir:Chuck Laine, Rob/Fern	13 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir S. Rowe/ TBA	14 12:30 OPEN  Director Alan Flower	15 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy Toussaint	16 Picnic Lunch 12:30 OPEN  Director Steve Rowe
17 12:30 Team Game  Director Alan Flower	18 STaC 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Sel Topics/Preece Director Alan Flower	19 STaC 12:30 OPEN 9:30 199r Game Dir:Chuck Laine, Rob/Fern	20 STaC 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir S. Rowe/ TBA	21 STaC 12:30 OPEN  Director Alan Flower	22 STaC 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy Toussaint	23 STaC 12:30 OPEN Director Steve Rowe
24 12:30 Unit Game  Director Sean Lui	25 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Sel Topics/Preece Director Alan Flower	26 ACBL Wide 12:30 OPEN Charity Game 9:30 Master/Amateur Game Dir:Chuck Laine, Rob/Fern	27 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir S. Rowe/ TBA	28 12:30 OPEN  Director Alan Flower	29 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy Toussaint	30 12:30 OPEN  Director Steve Rowe
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