

Master / Am Tournament - Full House, Fun Times



Our latest Master/Am bridge tournament boasted at least 15 tables of enthusiastic newcomers and friendly experienced players. Rob Preece and Alan Flower pulled their hair out trying to get a special movement that allowed players to play with multiple partners. Prayers to ACBLScore gods and calls to ACBL Help desk were not enough to untangle the data file - but



really, who cares? This was an opportunity for newer players to enjoy treats and mingle with experienced "masters." A



big thank you to Rob Preece, Fern Dunbar, Lillian Slater, and Alan Flower for making this tournament possible.



Some of the Masters that volunteered their time and expertise.

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Status Changes

Junior Master

Brad Abajian

Del Stewart

Club Master

Moyna Simon

Welcome New Members

Angela Driscoll

Elizabeth Sweedyk

Sarah Grossi

Eileen J Yordy

Linda Sciaroni

ACBL-WIDE SENIOR PAIRS

10 October
More points!
Bragging rights!
\$2 extra card fees



14 - 26 October
More points!
\$2 extra card fees

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 A.K. at ardeaux1@gmail.com.



Duncan holds virtual games 7 days a week.

All Regular Games \$5
Special Games \$6 or \$7

This is the direct link to those games: [CLICK HERE](#)
(after clicking the link, save to your favorites).



20 October
Unit Game



Celebrating Birthdays at the Club

September birthdays included. A.K. Laine, Allan Lubitz , and Trudi Lamendola.

Our Sympathies to the Friends and Family of



Mary Guzetta 1941 - 2024

Masterpoints

ACBL Masterpoints 102

Since our mini lesson on ACBL points in August, we're hearing more table talk about points: "Darn it. All my points are black," and "My goal is to just get to 100 points." Are we more aware of such talk or has there been an uptake in interest? We covered Rookie (0 points), Junior Master (5 points), Club Master (20 points) and Sectional Master (50 points of which 5 are silver.)

Silver? Question: Where do we get those? Answer: in Sectional Tournaments. Per ACBL: "A tournament is more than a competition. It's a multi-day event where players from different communities can gather to enjoy the game they all love - bridge." Per us: "And hopefully to grab some of those elusive silver points!" If you are searching for silver, here's what's coming up

in the next month:
[Oct 5-6, Santa Cruz Bridge Center, 2450-17 Avenue Suite 200, Santa Cruz, CA](#)
[Oct 18-20, Golden Empire Grange, 11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA](#)
[Oct 24-27, Palo Alto Bridge Center, 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View, CA](#)
If you are interested in attending Sectional Tournaments in other than California, check out the calendar at <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/onlineevents/>. Good luck!

by Lyn Kraatz



Say Hello to Our Latest Bridge 1 Class

Seated: Vicki Vaught, Cathy Craine, Anita Goel.

Front row: Ronnie Esponosa, Moira Stangeland, Nicole Eastly, Carol Patrick, Kathy Williams, Om Goel.

Back row: Sharon Flower, Dan Felsenthal, Eileen Baires, Fred Lerner, Diane Burch, Jacob Wang, Janet Fronigh, Hank Dunbar.



Partner Characteristics of Importance

What characteristic do you value most in a partner?

We asked this of Tuesday and Wednesday morning supervised

players, many new to bridge partnerships. Their

answers are following:

What do you appreciate most in a partner?

Minimum: "They're breathing." "They're alive." "They're awake."

Medium: "Good at bidding." "Can follow suit." "Good at play of the hand."

Maximum:
 • "Intelligent" (3).
 "Smarter than me."
 "Smartest guy in the room!"

• "Joyful." "Happy attitude." "Positivity" (3). "Good natured."
 • "Someone who can face the big guys and knock their socks off!"
 • "Open to discussing issues." "Good

communication." "Willing to work together to improve." "Someone who listens and is open minded."

• One partner pointed to his

partner and said, "Her laugh."

• "Someone I like, that I would like to have lunch with

• "Uses common sense when trying to understand my bidding."
 • "Puts up with my B.S."

• "Is not too mean."
 "Is not pissy."
 • "Is able to forgive."

"Is able to forgive AND forget."

• "Small amount of eye rolling."

• "Not taking a loss too seriously."

"Knows how to take a beating."

• "Compassionate" (2).
 "Even tempered."

(2), and "Patient" (4).

• And the overwhelming favorite response:

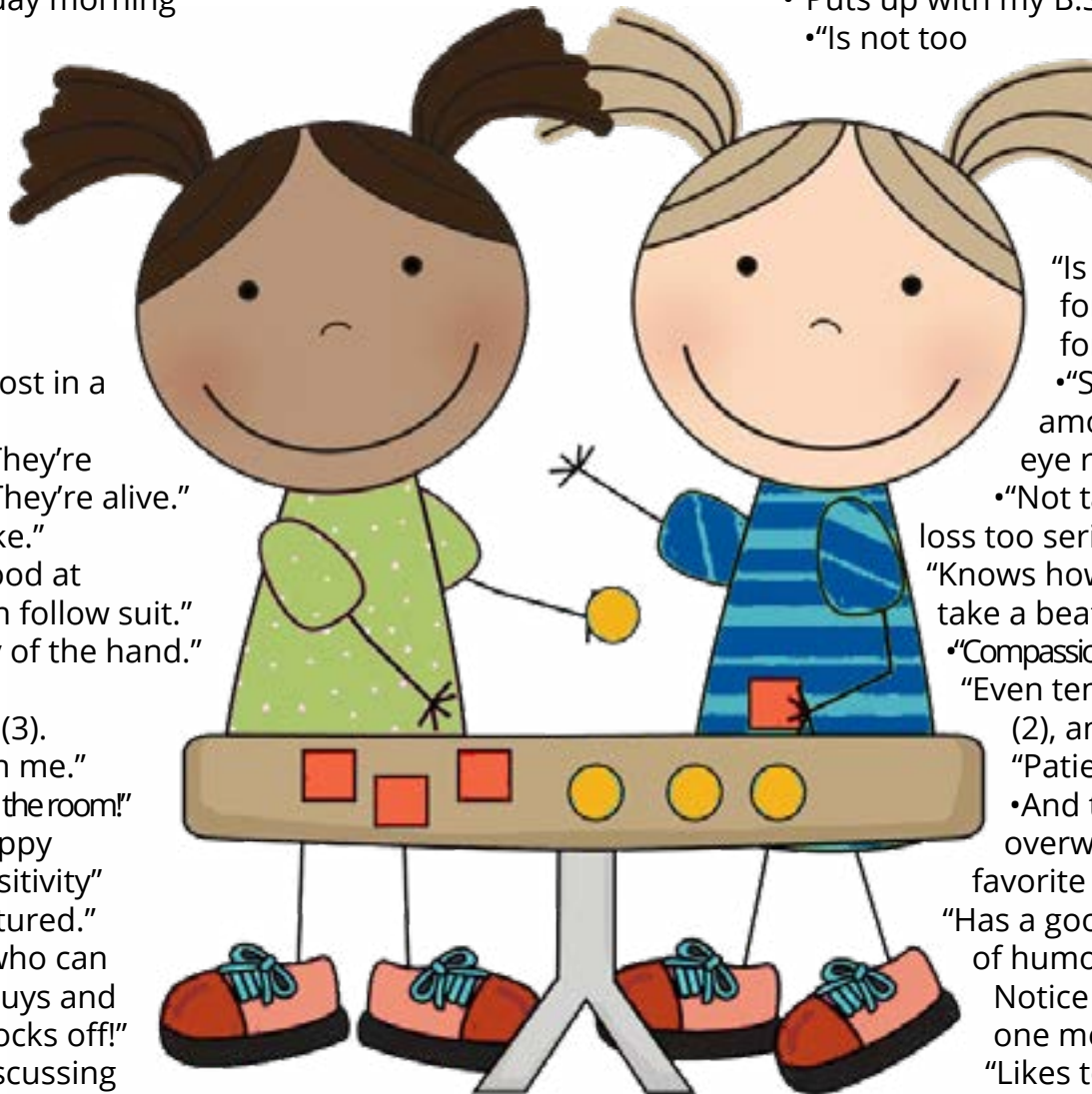
"Has a good sense of humor" (7).

Notice that no one mentioned "Likes to take

long walks on the

beach." Apparently, there are different requirements for a bridge partner versus a romantic partner.

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afterwards."

However, when they included themselves in the mix and how a partner might react, their answers were different:



October 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 30 | 1 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Hank class play 9:30 199r Game Dir:Leo Rob/Fern | 2 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Chuck/ Leo | 3 12:30 OPEN Director Alan | 4 Upgraded Club Championship 12:30 OPEN/NLM Monthly Birthdays Director Nancy | 5 12:30 OPEN Director Steve |
| 6 | 7 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Hank Class Play 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan | 8 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir:Leo Rob/Fern | 9 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Chuck/ Leo | 10 ACBL WIDE Seniors Pairs \$\$\$ 12:30 OPEN Director Alan | 11 Club Membership 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy | 12 Club Membership 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene |
| 13 | 14 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 1/Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan | 15 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir:Leo Rob/Fern | 16 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Chuck/ Leo | 17 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Alan | 18 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy | 19 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Jo |
| 20 Club Team Appreciation 12:30 Team Game Director Alan | 21 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 1/Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan | 22 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir:Leo Rob/Fern | 23 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Chuck/ Leo | 24 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Alan | 25 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy | 26 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene |
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