



New Life Master, Leo Dittimore

What do beer, *Grunion Gazette*, and Toni Morford have in common? The answer is: they are all reasons Leo Dittimore is now a Life Master™.

Leo's earliest memories include watching his parents play bridge. Leo quickly graduated to reading the bridge column in the newspaper, studying bridge books - most likely Goren and Sheinwold - and playing with his parents and grandparents.

He taught his high school girlfriend how to play then off to college he went.

Well, you guessed it, that's when **beer** got involved. His bridge winnings paid for his beer money. His lust for bridge (or perhaps beer) may have contributed to him almost flunking chemistry.

Leo played bridge in the Army (1974-1977) and after played during lunchtime at work. After 20 years, the lunchtime bridge crowd waned.

Leo noticed a Long Beach Bridge Center ad in the ***Grunion Gazette***. He and his partner played at LBBC but they were told they should probably take lessons. **Toni Morford** was looking for a pair to fill a table one night. Bob Mault plucked Leo and his partner, David Finkel, from the class and off to the Open game they went. And the rest, as they say, is history.

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Status Changes

Junior Master	Jerry Glenn
	Patty Marrotte-Aichel
Club Master	Lyn Kraatz
	Amanda J Moores
	Diana Parmeter
Sectional Master	Cindy Barth
	Paul Barth
NABC Master	Nancy Imbery
Life Master™	Leo D Dittemore

Welcome New Members

Brad Abajian	Harrison Bruechert
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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).

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The pandemic “retired” Leo so he started playing bridge in earnest in 2020 and earned his Life Master™

while competing the 2024 Long Beach Regional. Cheers to our newest Life Master™! by A.K. Laine



**Club
Championship-
Rated
Games
September
16 - 21**



September 11 - ACBL-Wide Event

September is International Fund Month! A portion of the fees for each of these specially designated games will go to the International Fund which supports North American participation in international bridge events.

Wednesday afternoon, September 11, will be an ACBL-wide International Fund Game. Players compete in a larger field (all participating clubs) and earn upgraded masterpoint awards.



Celebrating Birthdays at the Club

August birthdays included. Carl Wolinsky, Edie Wohland, Barbara Wallace, and April Berg.



Remembering Those Who Have Passed.

Michael Daley, shown above with Carolyn Byrnes, wanted to honor his friend and longtime

partner, Earl Vandervord, and chose August 6th, Earl's birthday, to do so. Mike donated \$300 to finance a cake and snacks as well as a \$168.91 donation to the club.

Carolyn Byrnes organized the event and created an In Memoriam wall with the photos and names of our departed players. We miss our bridge friends and partners! Thanks, Mike, for providing this opportunity to remember them! He plans to sponsor this event annually. by Lillian Slater

Our Sympathies to the Friends and Family of



Robert Bakovic
1946 - 2024

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.

Top-Tier
Mini-Soloway
Tuesday & Thursday

LABOR DAY REGIONAL SEPT 2-8, 2024

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Monday, September 2 - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Monday Charity Pairs (single sessions)
Charity Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)
0-500 Charity Pairs (single sessions)
Monday Pairs single sessions included in Side Game Series
The designated charity for the evening games is
Ronald McDonald House Charities

Tuesday, September 3 - 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Side Game Series (single sessions)
Open Pairs (2 sessions)
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
0-500 Pairs (single sessions)
Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)
Tue-Wed Top-Tier Mini-Soloway (1 & 2 of 4 sessions)

Wednesday, September 4 - 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Side Game Series (single sessions)
Open Pairs (2 sessions)
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
0-500 Pairs (single sessions)
Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)
Tue-Wed Top-Tier Mini-Soloway (3 & 4 of 4 sessions)

Thursday, September 5 - 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Side Game Series (single sessions)
Open Pairs (2 sessions)
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
0-500 Pairs (single sessions)
Thu-Fri Top-Tier Mini-Soloway (1 & 2 of 4 sessions)
Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)

Friday, September 6 - 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Side Game Series (single sessions)
IMP Open Pairs (2 sessions)
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
0-500 Pairs (single sessions)
Thu-Fri Top-Tier Mini-Soloway (3 & 4 of 4 sessions)
Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)

Saturday, September 7 - 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Side Game Series (single sessions)
Open Pairs (2 sessions)
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
0-500 Pairs (single sessions)
Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)

Sunday, September 8 - 9:30 a.m. & TBA

Fast Open Pairs (2 sessions)
Bracketed Teams (2 sessions)

Ahoy, Potential Card Players!

Keep Your Brain Young
Make New Friends

Learn to Play Bridge

New Beginning Bridge Class

Monday, October 14

9:30 a.m.

Register through [OLLI](#)*

or

Just show up

\$50 for 9 sessions

* See [CSULB OLLI](#) for details



Hooked on Bridge? Wanna Learn More?

New Bridge 2 Classes

Tuesday, October 15

9:30 a.m.

No partner necessary

\$50 for 9 sessions

The Breakfast Club - Rob's Monday Class



On August 12th, Rob Preece and Fern Dunbar held a potluck game for their Monday morning class. Challenging bridge and stimulating company complemented the delicious and bountiful food! Rob directed a barometer game of 14 tables, reviewing each board after it was played and announcing the standings after each round. All enjoyed the morning and look forward to the next one!

by Lillian Slater

MASTER / AM GAME

**Dip Your Toe
into the Water**

**Play with a Life Master
Tuesday, September 24
9:30 a.m.**

\$5 for Amateurs

Director / Lifeguard: Rob Preece



September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank (9/9) 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 1/Hank (9/9) 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Leo Rob/Fern	12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 (cancelled) Dir Chuck/	12:30 OPEN 	12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	12:30 OPEN Director Steve
8 <i>Irvine Regional</i>	9	10	11 ACBL WIDE INT' 50/50 Fund Game	12	13 Monthly Birthdays	14
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15 #L2409557C Unit Sanction Team Game 	16 Club Championship	17 Club Championship	18 Club Championship	19 Club Championship	20 Club Championship	21 Club Championship
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